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EDITOR'S NOTE

DEAR READERS,

I feel proud to be attending this College. I see others who are apathetic to their surroundings.

Even though some find this campus boring and not challenging, I do not. Campus life is part of being a college student. It is like the old saying, "You only get out what you put into it.". So you have the occasional one-hundred people attending an event. But a hundred people out of 5,500 is not an impressive number.

"Why have a topic like sex in this magazine?" Well, the reasoning is simple. A sincere effort was made to find a topic which would inform, entertain and interest everyone. I also felt our campus and our community were important parts of our lives.

Please let us know what you think about our magazine. We welcome and appreciate feedback. Thank you very much and I hope you enjoy reading *CROSSROADS: THE MAGAZINE*.

Craig Beffa
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Focus

Changes, nothing more than changes

by Tonya Prince

Change will affect us during our entire lives. Spiva Library has gone through many changes over the years. It can now offer students and staff access to automation with client server-type technology, database specialization, and Internet access across campus.

Three years ago, the first of two image workstations, with full text capabilities, were installed in Spiva.

"In a really short period of time we have gone really far," said librarian Robert Black. "We have gone

from a traditional way of looking through the card catalog to electronic format."

In January of this year Spiva also gained access to Worldwide Web. This access has brought the library Ebsco Host. This is a periodical data base that offers 2,600 indexed periodicals with 1,000 of those periodicals available in full text.

Spiva has changed throughout the years.

"Students are much more serious and ready to go," said Gaye Pate, circulation librarian. "They come expecting more and want

things immediately."

Does our library have the technology that other libraries do?

"For a school our size we have quite a bit, from material on compact disc to access to Online," Black said.

Mary Lou Dove, librarian, believes the library has much to offer students.

"Students come back saying we have an outstanding collection and they get helped out," said Dove. "We emphasize giving help to students. The library is just not about the technology, but its more about the people that work here." ☺

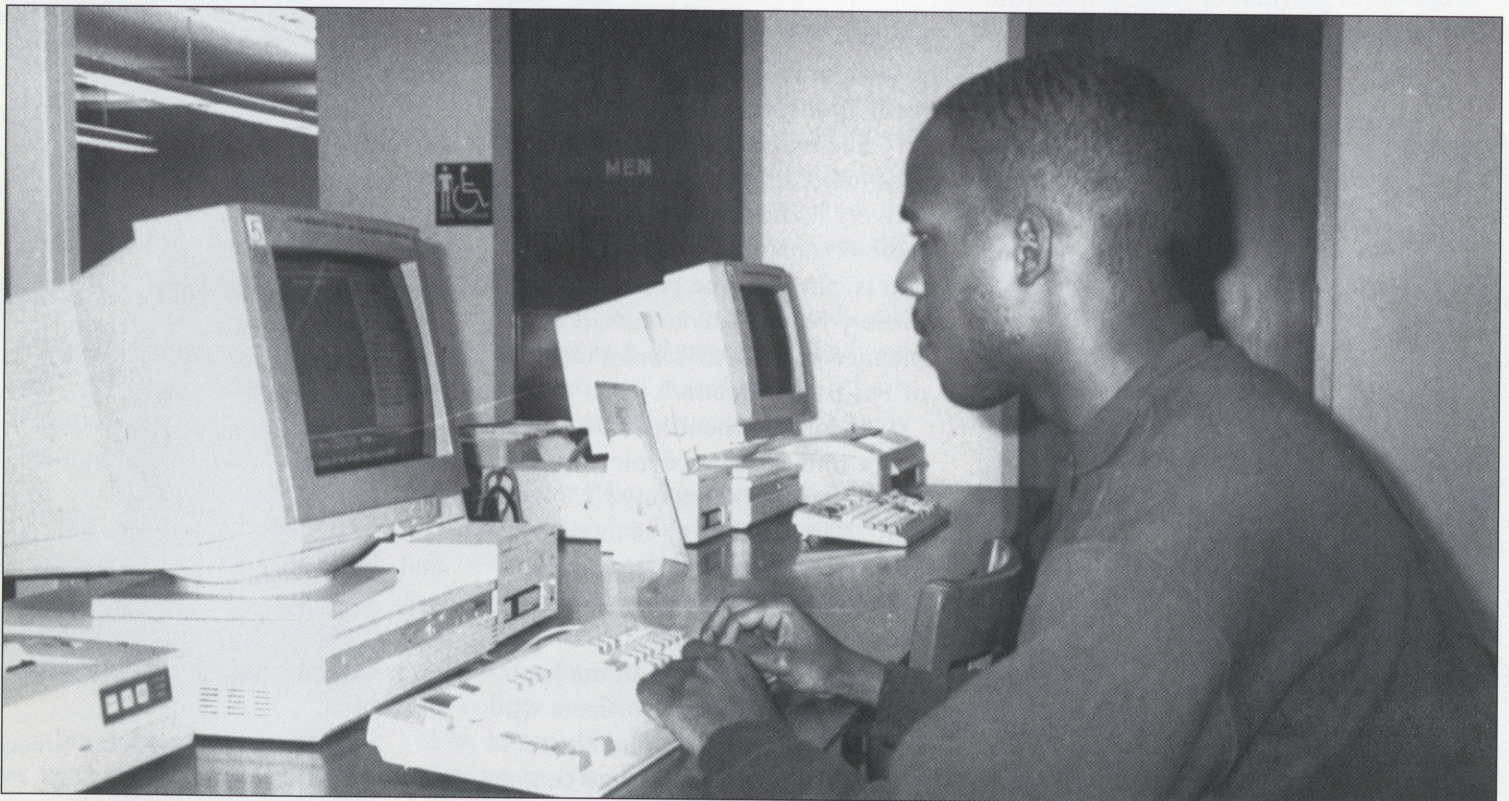


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Students can use the computers in the library to browse on the Web or even for homework.

An Inside look at *BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS*

Members of the Economics Club, led by Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, lounge around in Matthews Hall right before a big meeting.



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Participation offers numerous benefits

by Dan Wiszkon

There are five major organizations offered within the business department at Missouri Southern which students can join. Some clubs, such as Pi Omega Pi and Phi Beta Lambda, are honorary chapters of national organizations, while others focus on a certain major.

Dr. James Gray, dean of the school of business administration, strongly encourages every student in the department to get involved with one or more of these clubs.

"As dean, something I wanted to get started was a club for each academic major to get into," Gray said. "There are a tremendous number of benefits, with the biggest of them being networking with each other and with the community.

"These contracts give our students the edge in the employment

process," he added. "Each club has its own program and approach to let them (students) know they exist."

Shelby Hesterly, senior business major, thinks participating actively is the key to enjoying what these organizations have to offer. She is currently the president of the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) and a member of Phi Beta Lambda.

"I joined when I decided on my major to meet new people who had the same interests as myself," she said. "The main thing is to get involved because the networking experience can prepare you for what's after graduation."

Each organization in the business department elects officers who preside over meetings and represent the club at functions around campus.

"I've always had a great group of officers who learn about leadership while doing it," said Dr. James

Shaver, adviser of the Accounting Club. "Accounting is a big field and this contact with the professionals gives them (students) an idea where to go."

Here are just a few of the benefits business majors get when joining an organization:

1. Students make business contacts with potential employers.
2. Club members gain experience in their field through interaction with others.
3. Business majors share ideas and similar interests with other business majors.
4. Club members strengthen their resumes with a well-respected credential.
5. Officers can acquire and sharpen leadership skills.
6. Membership shows recruiters you have an interest in the field and can manage time.

Business Organization descriptions:

Pi Omega Pi

Faculty advisor or sponsor: Dr. Beverly Block

Membership: 10 members

Status: Honorary chapter of national organization

Main Purpose: To prepare club members to instruct business classes at the high school level.

Inside information: Dr. Block re-established Pi Omega Pi at Southern when she took over as adviser two years ago. Most colleges in Missouri who offer a business education major program have a chapter. Club members will attend the club's national convention in New York City, next year. Members pay a one-time \$40 membership fee.

S.A.M. (Society for Advancement of Management)

Faculty advisor or sponsor: Dr. Elizabeth Rozell

Membership: 30 members

Status: National organization

Main Purpose: To keep management majors informed about their fields.

Inside information: Dr. Rozell re-established S.A.M four years ago when she became adviser. Club officers recruit members by speaking in business classes and inviting students to the meetings. The club raised \$2,500 using a pizza raffle during a fundraiser last year. The club seeks corporate donations from large businesses in the Joplin community to help fund club activities.

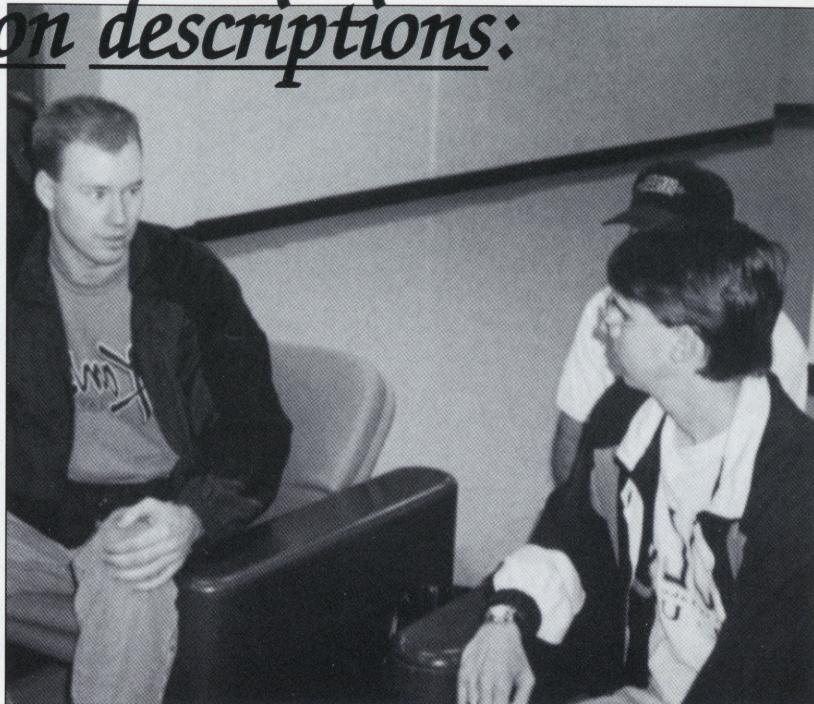


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Student talk in Mathews hall lounge.

Accounting Club

Faculty advisor or sponsor: Dr. James Shaver

Membership: 80 members

Status: Open to declared accounting majors

Main Purpose: To give accounting majors access to guest speakers at monthly meetings.

Inside information: Largest student organization on campus. The club distributes a book of resumes, listing junior and senior members, to about 250 employers in the area. It participates in the back-to-school picnic, each August. The membership fee to join is only \$10. The club receives contributions from local accounting firms.

Phi Beta Lambda

Faculty advisor or sponsor: Mr. Marvin Larson

Membership: 18 members

Status: National organization for all business and computer science majors.

Main Purpose: To experience what it's like to work in the business world.

Inside information: Club members attends the Leadership Workshop in Jefferson City every March. Members participate in a variety of fundraisers such as book sales and car washes.

Economics and Finance Club

Co-Faculty sponsors: Dr. Jasbir Jaswal and Mr. Richard Rawlins

Membership: 35 members

Status: Offered to economics and finance majors

Main Purpose: To generate an interest about economics throughout the department.

Inside information: This club will send some club members on a field trip to the Kansas City Board of Trade and Federal Reserve, in early April. Officers speak about the club's benefits to other classes. Mike Mathews is president and Jean Long is vice-president. ☺

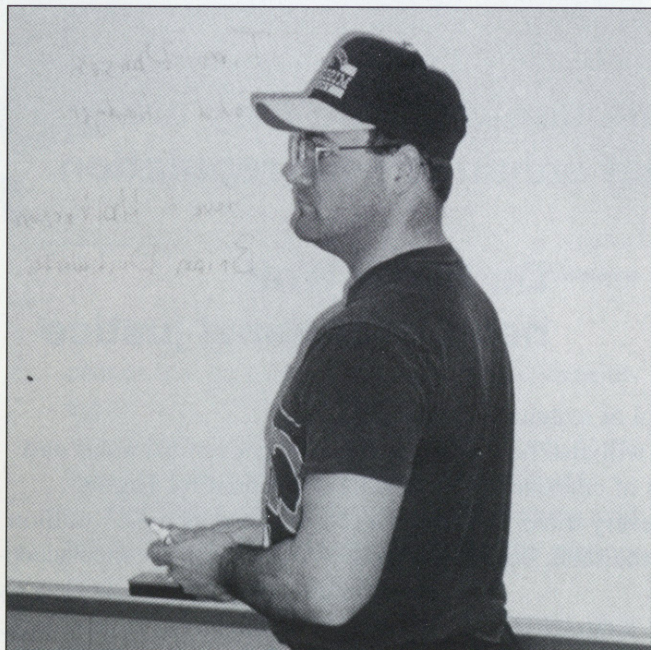


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Mike Mathews, president of the Economics Club, takes nominations from club members for next year's officers.



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CJ: in law

Justice department keeps on growing and growing and growing...

by Victoria Steele

Criminal justice majors are now receiving better job training at Missouri Southern with the help of a computerized shooting system.

The shooting system provides future law enforcement officials with realistic practice at making quick decisions in life or death situations which they may face on the job. The justice academy's "simulated" job training experience allows students to evaluate their actions when dealing with on-screen emergencies.

"Let's say an officer gets a call to a robbery and a person comes out holding something or makes a fast move," said Dr. C. Blake Wolf, head of criminal justice. "In some cases that person may be holding a gun or may be holding a child. It's real easy to test people's accuracy with firearms, you can do that on a range, but judgments are real important components in a shooting situation.

"It is often a shoot-don't shoot situation," he added. "You have to make a fast determination to shoot or don't shoot. There's certainly a lot more situations not to shoot in than to shoot in."

Wolf said the shooting system, which

is six months old, is labor intensive. The department is still working to get video-taped scenarios prepared so that the trainees are presented with different situations.

The basic policy academy training required by the state of Missouri will expand from 300 to 470 hours in August 1996, said Dr.

Our students demonstrate they are ready for the job and that enhances our reputation. ”

Dr. Blake Wolf
head of criminal justice

Jack Spurlin, dean, school of technology. All Missouri officers will also be required to take 48 hours of continuing education contact hours every three years to stay certified in the state, he said.

The criminal justice program is growing and expanding, Spurlin said. The department has offered about nine one-day seminars every academic year plus five one-week seminars this year.

The seminars cover a variety of topics including advanced gang investigation, held recently.

"They (criminal justice department) are doing all kinds of things with recruitment and retention programs," said Spurlin. "They are really starting to get ready now, starting to gear towards the thought of a new

building."

The Governor of Missouri and Coordinating Board for Higher Education has approved a \$5 million addition to the criminal justice academy, Spurlin said. The legislative body has not yet approved the expenditure.

Wolf said his department needs the extra room due to increased student enrollment and more training programs. He said enrollment in criminal

Our future enforcement

justice programs are up nationally because people want to get involved in solving community problems.

The department head attributes some of the increase in enrollment at Missouri Southern to improved job training.

"At Missouri Southern I believe our reputation has grown," said Wolf. "I think the word is getting out to various places as to the quality of program that we've always had. Our students demonstrate they are ready for the job and that enhances our reputation."

Wolf said representatives from about 40 different agencies recruit employees from the criminal justice department every year.

The department has applied

for a \$180,000 grant to purchase a driving simulator which will give students hands-on driving experience in hazardous situations. Each simulator requires the use of eight computers.

"Two critical areas of liability in law enforcement are the use of deadly force and driving liabilities," said Wolf. "The driving simulator will present more hazardous scenarios than the students could try in the field."

Wolf is proud of his department's increased enrollment.

He said the department makes an effort to recruit and retain students. Wolfe gives credit to the faculty, which has done an outstanding job, he said.

"We're very interested in our students and have a sincere inter-



Photo By Shandy McBride

Jeff Engelhart, junior criminal justice major (left), walks out of Anderson Justice Center with Mike Peskar, also a junior criminal justice major.

est in each student," he said. "We like to think we are their biggest cheerleaders. We want to see them succeed." ☺

DID YOU KNOW THAT CJ:

- Currently has 520 majors.
- Provides training for the U.S. Corps of Engineers Park Rangers.
- Experienced a 17 percent enrollment increase this year.
- Is thinking about a new addition.
- Purchased the shooting system from Israel.



Photo by Shandy McBride

Dorm Life & what it's like

by Joetta Wigger

College is full of new experiences. Freshmen learn how to deal with professors, different classes, and more freedom.

Living with a stranger as a roommate and consistently being among other people is a change for many, but this doesn't seem to bother students after they adjust.

"We can go from room to room and visit," said Adrianne Lancaster, a freshman dental hygiene major. "That's kind of neat. You always have someone to talk to."

For many students living on campus, a night on the town is essential at times. Pittsburg, Kansas is usually the place to be on weekends.

"When I come to the dorms to pick up my friends to go out, I always see girls going up and down the hallways, putting on make-up, talking with their friends, or trading clothes," said Jill Bever, a junior criminal justice major.

"Hopefully my friends are ready because we like to leave about 9:30 p.m. or 10 so we can get there early and scope out the guys."

"It depends on how long it takes me to get ready," said



photo by Dan Wiszkon

Amy Bohachick, freshman nursing major, and Jill Bever, junior criminal justice major get ready for a game of softball.

Lancaster. "Sometimes I put my hair up in rollers and sometimes I just brush my hair and go. It just depends on the mood I'm in."

Blaine Hall is the males' dorm and McCormick is where the females reside.

Though both dorms look relatively similar from the outside, both genders agree there are differences on the inside.

"The guys' dorm rooms are a mess," said Zane Bennett, a freshman communications major. "Girls are generally neater."

Lancaster said some of the boys rooms she visited smell.

"I've seen mold growing in the corners of the walls. It's pretty gross."

Another difference, according to students, is the freedom allowed.

Some of the females especially feel the males have more leniency when it comes to the rules.

"The guys' dorm isn't a convent," said Lancaster. "We can't get loud at all. The guys can have their radios blasting and yell down the halls. We're a lot more restricted."

"The SAs go up and down

our halls and shut our doors even when the girls in their rooms are being quiet,” said Becky Morris, a sophomore secondary education major.

“The visitation hours suck and we aren’t allowed to have any fun. Being able to be loud and have fun should be a part of dorm life, but we can’t experience it.”

And some of the males who visit McCormick Hall agree.

“I do think we have more freedom than the girls do,” said Bennett. “The girls have to abide by a lot more rules than we do.”

Deb Gipson, Resident Director in McCormick Hall, disagrees with these complaints.

“That may be the impression they get, but it’s not the way it is,” she said.

“The rules are the same for both dorms. The grass is always greener on the other side.”

A few of the other complaints about the dorms include paying for a visitor to stay overnight and having to pay an extra \$5 a night if a student needs to stay in the dorms during Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Spring Break.

Cindy Combs, a freshman psychology major, complained about the extra money shelled out for visitors.

“They’re not eating in the cafeteria or anything so there’s no point,” she said. “I refuse to pay. It’s stupid.”

Despite their complaints, a lot of the female residents do have positive comments concerning the safety of McCormick Hall.

“I like the fact that they keep the doors locked at night,” said Combs.

“It makes me feel safe because I know that no one can get in except the residents with keys.” ☺

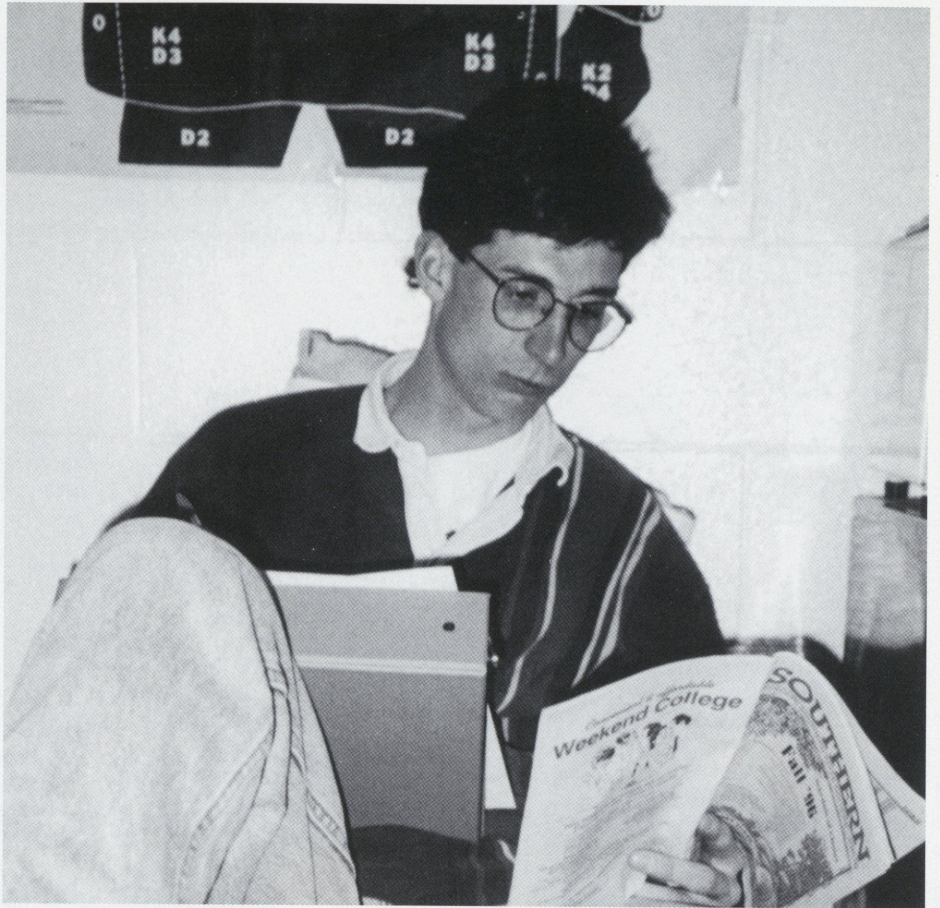


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Most students like to finish their homework before going out. Steve Johnson, sophomore communications major, works on a speech before class.



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Ben Michel, freshman criminal justice major, hacks away on his computer.

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SEX

“No, It should be ‘making love’”

Sex: I don't want to talk about it

by Craig Beffa

Sex to some people seems to be a taboo subject, so taboo they do not even want to talk or hear anything about it. Individuals have different opinions about certain topics.

Some people may condemn intercourse as a pleasurable activity and say it's only for reproduction. The views of the purpose of sex differ from culture to culture and from person to person. People may even find out their views on the purpose of sex changes during different times in their life.

One of the purposes is a biological advantage.

According to Joann C. Gutin, an anthropologist and writer for *Discover* and *E: The*

Environmental Magazine, all living organisms try to create clones of themselves or mate with other organisms to produce offspring with genetics from both parents.

Yet it seems people spend too much time pursuing mates. Time they could spend on other activities.

"According to the rules of natural selection, sex must be good because there's so much of it around," Gutin said.

Current estimates are that 99.9 percent of organisms are sexual.

People do not need to have sex now in order to reproduce and a woman does not need a man in order to reproduce. Researchers are even working on cloning people, just like in the movies.

Scientific cloning is in the future.

One main purpose of sex is development of love bonds. Everyone wants to be loved by someone. It starts out with the mother and off-

spring bond. The mother has a bond with her child mainly because it was growing inside of her for so long.

Human love in its true form is attraction plus attachment.

The male-female bond brings us to another purpose. This purpose is reproduction.

Pope Paul VI published *Humanae vitae* in 1968, which affirmed the Roman Catholic Church's stance against artificial contraception. However, not all Catholics agree with, or follow, the church's teaching on birth control.

But, of course, that was 1968 and this is 1996. There are more diseases now and people need to protect themselves.

According to Janet E. Smith, published in *America*, contraception shuts out God.

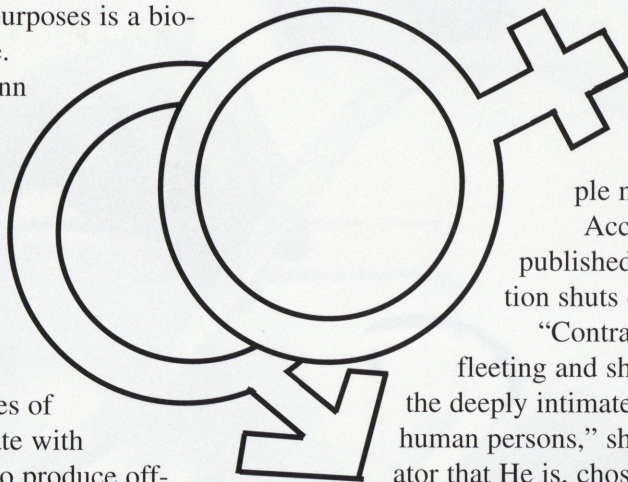
"Contraceptive sex tends to foster fleeting and shallow unions more than the deeply intimate unions appropriate to human persons," she said. "God, loving creator that He is, chose to bring forth new human life through the loving act of spouses. The male provides the sperm, the female the ovum and God the human soul."

The last purpose is sensual pleasure. According to Sally Tilsdale author of *Talk Dirty to Me: An Intimate Philosophy of Sex*, sexual passion is the key which separates humans from animals. Passion makes human sexuality unique.

Tilsdale also says that the pervasive desire for sensual pleasure and release is the moving force behind human sexuality.

To take off your clothes at the beginning of the sex act is "a form of role removal" according to Murray Davis, author of *Smut*.

"By taking off our clothes in front of each other," he said, "we consciously take off our other selves." ☺



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Playing the alphabet game of life

By
**Victoria
Steele**

AIDS, HIV, STDs, VD...the alphabet seems to have taken a turn for the worse these days. What's a person to do? Some think condoms offer the safest protection. Others believe abstinence until marriage is the only foolproof way to avoid risking contact with life-threatening diseases.

Abstinence is the "act of voluntarily doing without some or all food, drink or other pleasures," according to Webster's Dictionary.

There is no reason to believe abstinence is harmful, according to the Kinsey Institute. The Kinsey Institute does surveys and research on sexual practices and attitudes.

There are some positive results obtained by abstinence. For men the consequence of doing without sexual activity is SUPER SPERM! Periods of sexual restraint seem to increase both the volume and the potency of sperm, according to The Practical Encyclopedia of Sex and Health by Stefan Bechtel.

Natural family planning calls for periodic abstinence. This method was previously called the rhythm method, but is now often called periodic abstinence or ovulation detection. Sexual

intercourse must be avoided during the ovulation time span of each menstrual cycle to prevent impregnation.

Another positive consequence is the idea that prolonged sexual abstinence can be a way of "sublimating," or diverting energy to higher things.

There wasn't much information available to either refute or support this notion. Still, many coaches and athletes advise sexual abstinence on the night before a big game.

A.C. Green, basketball player, has founded a group called "Athletes for Abstinence."

Male hunters must abstain from intercourse for a short period of time before they go on a hunt or journey in some primitive societies. The women in these groups are required to practice abstinence before they brew beer or sow crops.

Many religious orders require priests, monks and nuns to practice lifelong sexual abstinence.

The Baptist Student Union at Missouri Southern gave a two-week seminar on abstinence and sex "in general," said Victor Bowles, counselor.

"There's a lot of promiscuity going on," he said. "I'd like to say 50 to 60 percent of the students practice abstinence, but I think the majority of students are engaged in premarital sex or they have at one time."

Bowles said that estimate wasn't from any type of study, but from his own practical experiences with referral crisis pregnancies and counseling.

"Hollywood likes to put out R-rated movies and magazines at the checkout," he said. "It's not an easy time to grow up now. I think the youth are looking for role models."

If you're lost and you're out having sex then when you get saved you're born again, he said.

Approximately
1,500 teenagers
attended the
"True Love
Waits" rally.



"There's always remorse and consequences to sin; that is guilt, high low self-esteem, frustration and depression," said Bowles. "Premarital sex is not a good thing. God cleanses you from any past sin and you can be reborn again."

"Students can ask forgiveness from Christ even if they've had sex with someone," he added. "Anything you've done in your past can be born again so you can start again with a new life."

Students need to visualize commitments being made, he said. "True Love Waits" is a national campaign that promotes abstinence until marriage.

The rally helps many make a decision because there is "strength in numbers" and "positive peer pressure," he said.

A "True Love Waits" rally was held Saturday night, Jan. 27 at Calvary Baptist Church in Joplin. Approximately 1,500 teenagers from Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri attended the rally, according to Jeff Allee, youth minister at the church. The crowd was treated to an evening of live music, games, praise and worship time. The event also included live and video-taped testimonies along with a commitment time for members of the crowd to make a commitment to abstinence.



Photo by Shandy McBride

"We hope to give a positive statement about what teenagers are doing," said Allee. "They are making a commitment to wait until after they're married and wait for that special person." ☺

Condom machines can be found in most gas stations.

Fighting the war against STDs

by Tricia
Hilsabeck

Anyone who has sex, or is thinking about having sex, should know about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). These STDs are never harmless.

In some cases, these diseases can cause serious, even life-threatening problems such as infertility, cancer, and AIDS. STDs can not only affect you, but you could pass the problem on to the next generation if you plan to have children.

You must be well-informed to fight the battle against STDs. First of all, know the lingo. These are some important terms and definitions:

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD): A disease that is spread by sexual contact.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS): A group of signs and symptoms, usually of severe infections, occurring in a person whose immune system has been damaged by infection with human deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

Chlamydia: A common sexually transmitted disease that can cause pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, and arthritis.

Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID): An infection that involves the fallopian tubes and pelvic area

Genital Herpes: An STD caused by a virus that can cause painful, highly infectious sores on or around the sex organs.

Gonorrhea: An STD that may produce no symptoms in women but can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, and arthritis.

Syphilis: A sexually transmitted disease that is caused by an organism called *Treponema Palladium*; it may cause major health problems or death in its later stages.

At least one million cases of Gonorrhea and three to five million cases of Chlamydia occur in the United States each year.

These two diseases often occur together and both can lead to the more serious problem of Pelvic Inflammatory Disease which can cause infertility. Syphilis is another disease that can be passed on to children and sometimes cause miscarriages or stillbirth.

Except for the common cold and flu, STDs are the most widespread, contagious diseases in the United States. These diseases are passed from person to person through sex. In fact, any close contact that involves the genitals, mouth or rectum can transmit an STD. There are over 20 known types of STDs. Some can be cured, some cannot.

The only sure way to prevent most STDs is not to have sex. If you do have sex, there are ways to reduce your risk of getting an STD.

* Know - and limit - your sexual partners: having sex with someone you don't know well, increases your risk of contracting an STD. The sexual history of your partner is as important as your own sexual history. Having sex exposes you indirectly to all of your partner's other sexual partners.

Birth Control pills are one way to guard against pregnancy.



Photo by Shandy McBride

With every new sexual partner you increase your risk of getting an STD.

- * **Talk to your partner about STDs:** Shame or fear can stifle honest communication, but questions and answers are much better than getting an STD. Your partner may be grateful that you want to talk about it. They may share some of the same concerns. Questions can be phrased simply. Just ask whether your partner has ever had an STD, or thinks they may have been exposed to one in the past. If your partner does admit to one, make sure they had sufficient and effective treatment. Being honest about STDs show that you and your partner care about each other's health and well-being.

- * **Know the symptoms of STDs:** A sore, rash or discharge in the genital area could be symptoms of an STD. Swelling, redness, pain and itching in the genital area may also be signs. This may not mean that you have an STD, however, it is a good reason to see a doctor. Having sexual contact with someone who has these symptoms heightens your risk of getting an STD.

- * **Use a condom:** Condoms may not offer perfect protection, but they can lower the chances of infection if used properly. A virus cannot pass through latex, use of an animal skin condom is not as effective. Oils such as petroleum jelly, baby oil, or mineral oil, dissolves the latex and can cause breakage in the condom.

- * **Use a spermicide:** A chemical called Monoxynol 9 may help guard against some STDs. There are many birth control creams, jellies, and foams that contain this chemical; some condoms are treated with it. A spermicide should be used for added safety because a birth control pill does not protect against STDs.



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- * **Avoid risky practices:** Sexual acts that can tear or break the skin and body tissues carry a higher risk of STDs. Even small cuts that do not appear to bleed can let germs in or out.

Anal sex is especially risky because the tissues in the rectum break easily and permit direct contact between blood and semen.

If you think you might have an STD, or have had sex with someone who does, seek medical care.

As with any health matter, full and open communication with your doctor is the best approach.

If you have an STD, tell your sexual partner immediately and urge them to seek treatment. After treatment you should have a follow-up exam. You should not resume having sex until the STD has been effectively treated.

Most STDs can be treated with prompt medical care. Those that cannot be cured require special precautions.

No matter what you have heard or read, there are no home tests or home "cures" that work. These are serious and often life-threatening diseases that should never be taken lightly.

Precautions take just a little common sense and some concern for your life and health, but are worth it in the long run. ☺

Condoms can be used to fight STDs.

SEX Around the world

by Rachel Deyo

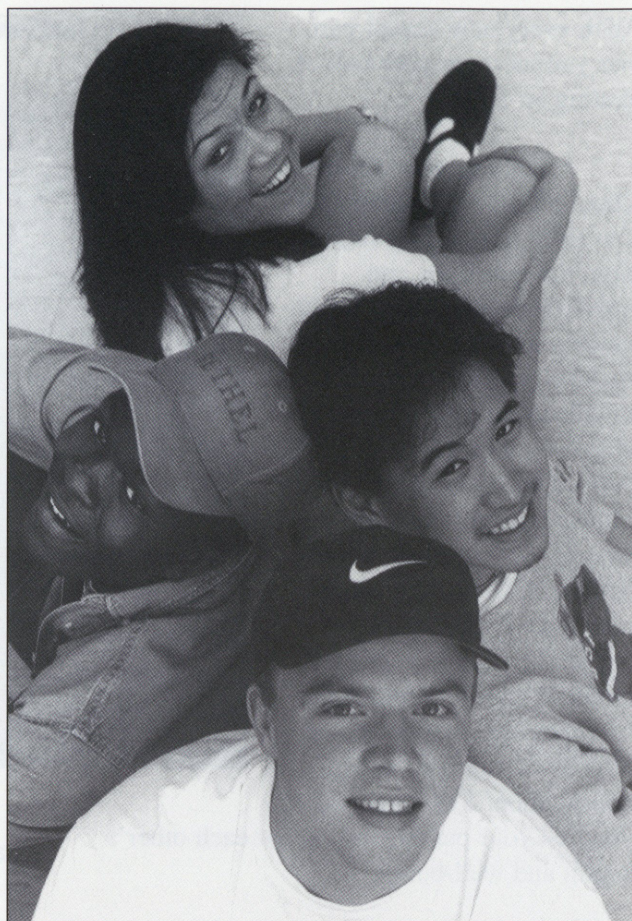


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Cultures around the world may see the issues of sex, gender roles and the importance of physical beauty differently from local perspectives. What do students from other countries think about our culture and these topics?

Elena Popova, sophomore economics major from North Arkiento, Russia, said that although her family was very close, she learned about sex from books and magazines.

"I think people (in Russia) get a lot of their information from magazines and television," she said. "Western influence has meant a lot since the end of Communism."

Iwona Drozdek, freshman economics major from Poland, discussed both the good and bad effects of western influence in regards to her native Poland.

"It (western influence) is good because people don't hide their thoughts anymore...they can share," she said.

"It is bad because of the increase in crimes of murder and rape, and stealing because of

jealousy—they want to be equal now.

"I think I learned (about sex) from teachers and books," Drozdek added.

Anthony Halyibor, freshman biology/pre-med major from Accra, Ghana, said he learned about sex mostly in high school.

"I have a good relationship with my family," he said. "We can talk about anything, but not much about sex. It just never comes up.

"I learned about it in the moral way, since I went to a Christian school," Halyibor added.

People in Sweden talk openly about sex, according to Erik Svensson, freshman political science major from Mullsjo, Sweden.

How important is marriage around the world? Is sex before marriage a common or accepted principle?

"I think it is pretty common to have sex before marriage in Sweden," said Svensson. "I think people have sex and get married younger here."

Popova said she felt western influence has changed some previously held views about sex.

“Western influence has meant a lot since the end of communism”

Elena Popova
North Akiento, Russia

“In Russia, because of western influence, there is more sex there than in the U.S.,” said Popova.

“Before, my father would not approve (of sex before marriage) and say ‘you don’t need to live with a man.’ So many people are together without marriage and at a younger age, and now he says, ‘just be careful.’”

Halyibor said people in Ghana have self-control and wait until their 20s.

“In the Chinese tradition, families get involved with relationships and so sex before marriage is not a good thing,” said Jerome Wan, sophomore business major from Hong Kong.

Drozdek said the commitment to marriage is important in Poland.

“People are having sex more (in Poland) and a lot of weddings are because of pregnancy but the marriage commitment is very important

and divorce only happens in extreme situations,” Drozdek said.

Traditional gender roles have changed in the United States. How do other cultures view gender roles?

“In families, women have the dominant role,” said Drozdek.

“Family is important for the rest of your life so people should make each other happy, share duties and work.”

Halyibor said men control the families in Ghana.

“I think the control is pretty much shared,” said Svensson. “Fourty percent of the Swedish Parliament are women.”

Careers, such as physicians and teachers, are shared in Russia, according to Popova.

“But I think the women work more because they have jobs and take care of their families, and we don’t have as many conveniences like for preparing food,” she said.

Wan said men dominate politics and everything in Hong Kong.

“It is tradition,” he said. “When something has gone on for so long, it takes a while for it to change.”

How much importance does each culture place on beauty?

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Anthony Halyibor
Accra, Ghana



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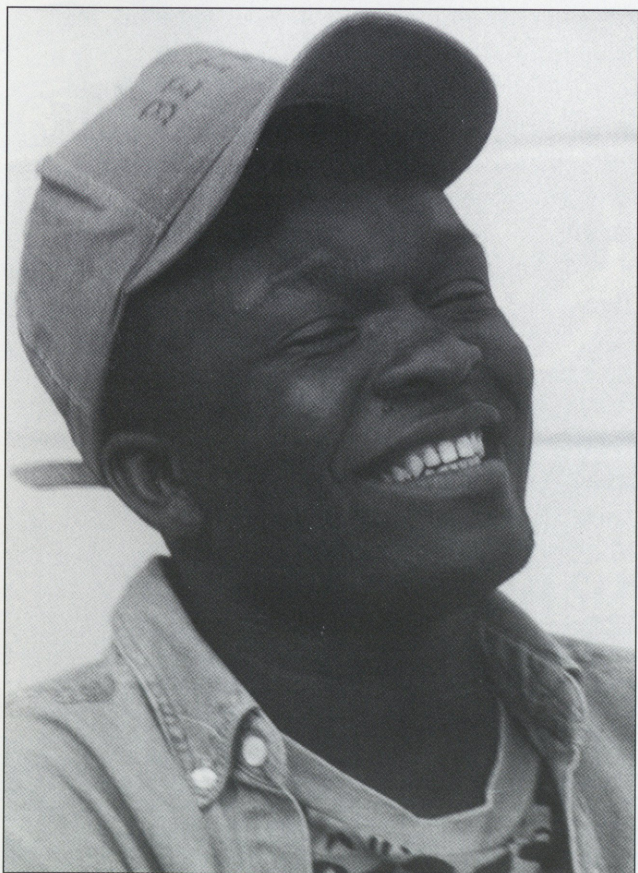


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“I think people here have sex and get married younger here [than in Sweden].”

Erik Svensson
Mullsjö, Sweden

“It seems more important here than in Sweden,” said Svensson.

Popova said looking nice is important to her and her friends.

Wan said people want to “look good” in his country.

“Inside appearance is as important as outside,” said Halyibor. “They look at both.”

Drozdek said some people in her country are now suffering from anorexia.

“In Poland, food is very important for physical and spiritual health,” said Drozdek. “And now there are problems of anorexia because of thinness.”

Do people from other countries openly show affection for each other? Is it appropriate to show affection in public?

“We don’t have kissing in the streets like in the movies,” Popova said. “Men open doors and they hold hands, but I think it is nice because you can see that people are happy.”

Men kiss women’s hands to show respect and couples hold hands in Poland, said Drozdek.

“Hugging is okay but not kissing, or maybe small kisses but not like making out,” said Wan.

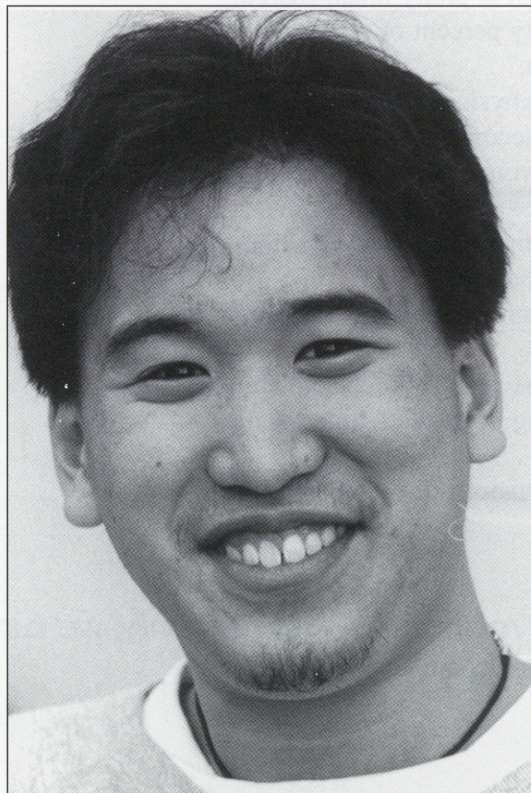


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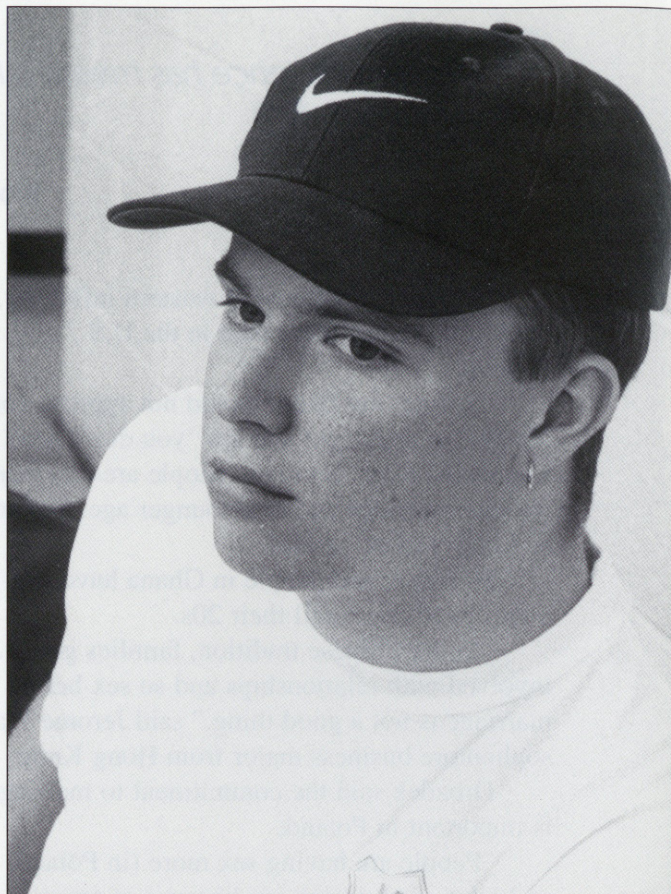


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Halyibor said people in Ghana do not show public affection and he does not think that is appropriate.

“It grosses me out,” he said. “They should go to a motel if they are married.”

“They shouldn’t show public affection even if they are married,” said Halyibor, with a laugh.

Svensson said he thinks public affection is fine.

“People show more public affection in Sweden than here in the U.S.,” said Svensson.

Hopefully, this has provided a better understanding of varying cultures and how much Americans have influenced other countries. ☺

A Traditionally Different World

by Rachel Deyo

Ahmed Banya, a sophomore accounting major, originates from Sierra Leone Africa, an area of the world with some definitely different traditions.

Some African tribes practice the tradition of female genitalia mutilation, also known as clitoridectomies.

Banya said that not all tribes do this, but he thought of it as just a woman thing.

"It is just something they do, like they have their own clubs and things," he said.

"The harmful affects are not a big deal when you are in the middle of it," said Banya.

In a very male-dominated country, many people have traveled to other countries for educational purposes and formed different ideas.

"Education is going to change a lot of things," said Banya. "When people are outside of the country, they are exposed to relationships and how they should be."

Because of the Muslim religion, having more than one wife is acceptable. Women often become gifts for the chiefs of tribes.

In the March issue of *Essence* magazine, Banya read about a woman from his hometown and her experience with mutilation.

"I was very surprised because they (the

women) get in trouble for talking about it," he said. "I sent copies to my family."

Learning the harmful effects of mutilation might have changed Banya's views.

"I think I will be more sensitive and more educated when I return," he said. ☺



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Ahmed Banya
Sierra Leone, Africa

Sex through the Golden Years

by Dan Wiszkon

Many myths and misconceptions surround the topic of old age and sex.

The thought of people over 60 still "doing it" may be uncomfortable to some, but many elderly couples continue to enjoy physical relationships.

Just what constitutes sex depends upon the individual and his or her partner. Sex among the elderly can take other forms besides penetration. Stroking, fondling, kissing and hugging are just a few of the alternatives that can satisfy couples.

"Sex is the ultimate fulfillment of the relationship between a male and female," said Virginia Shaver, a 74-year-old communications major. "I believe sex is essential because it makes couples more understanding and compatible for a richer life."

Shaver thinks many of today's young people fail to grasp the true meaning of sex.

"I was taught that premarital sex is wrong," Shaver said. "We have made something beautiful and sacred into something com-

mon and repulsive."

She believes sex is an intimate expression that should be shared with a loved one.

Even though the labor of love may be too intense for some of the elderly, some married

couples in their nineties still have sex. Three out of four surveyed persons in their 70s still possess desire for sex, according to studies conducted by the Center for the Study of Aging at Duke University.

Sex is still possible for the majority of the over-60 population, regardless of the physical changes that take place. Erections become less robust (longer foreplay is needed) and more stimulation is needed for orgasm in the male. Post-menopausal women experience less lubrication.

Studies indicate

that most men and women can enjoy intercourse throughout life provided they have a receptive mate and are in good health. A Masters and Johnson study concludes that a person's age doesn't subtract from their orgasmic pleasure.

Dr. Gwen Murdock, associate professor of psychology, said that persons continue to have



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A true gentleman, Mr. Turner helps Mrs. Turner into the car.

sexual and "affectional" needs in their golden years. She said the way our culture deems sex gives the impression that older folks should retire from the lovemaking stage when they hit senior-citizen status.

The way the media and popular culture behaves towards what's sexy has a lot to do with how we look at sex and the elderly. You will never see an 80-year-old woman posing in a swimsuit magazine nor will you see many 80-year-old men rated "Sexiest Man Alive."

"Our culture sort of presents sex as something you have to be attractive to engage in," Murdock said. "It will be interesting to see when the Baby Boom generation changes how the marketing of sex appeal changes."

She compares the way young people think of sex among the elderly as indecent to that of a child's difficulty of envisioning their parents engaging in the activity.

"A person's sexuality is a big part of their self-concept," she said. "I think older people are probably a lot more comfortable with their sexuality than younger people because they've sorted out the all of issues and concerns."

Murdock said younger people tend to wrongly see all old people as alike when it comes to sexual activity.

"There is no group more diverse than older people because they've had a lifetime of experience," she said. "Younger people are actually more alike sexually due to their limited, similar experiences."

Although they may still be capable of sex, the actual amount of sex will decrease sharply through each decade of life for various causes. The loss of a partner, depression, and impotency are just a few of these reasons. Sex is almost nonexistent for an older person who has lost a spouse or is single.

Testosterone is the hormone responsible for the sex drive in males while estrogen fuels women's desire. As we age, we tend to lose



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much of these hormones. But men who were "horny" as youngsters will most likely continue the trend when they reach old age, research tells us.

In some cases sex can be even more satisfying for an older man than a young man due to experience. If confident in his ability to perform, an older man has more effective control over his orgasm.

But many of the things about sex at an older age depends heavily upon the individual. Whereas one 70-year-old man will become impotent, another could be enjoying the best sex of his life.

Duke University found that about 14 percent of the aged people they surveyed had more sex than ever before!

"Older people should find as complete fulfillment as those who are younger," Shaver said. "Sex shouldn't decrease with age in a happy marriage." ♪

Love is definitely still in the air after years of marriage.

'I am the one who chooses what I do'

by Linda Emory

In common psyche lingo we associate the word inhibition with something "Victorian" or frigid. The 60s did a lot to give it that ring.

It was the hippie philosophy to do the very thing that was forbidden in order to overcome an inhibition; then, one could enter a world of freedom, beyond restrictions of the public eye, or the self that was restricted by it.

There was a sense of wholeness suggested that could be gained by the act of doing the thing prohibited, an entrance into an ethereal world "in harmony" with yourself and nature implied. We have advanced from that in our modern age proposing a "universal" well-being, while moral restrictions in general are frowned upon.

But we are defying something very basic about the human nature. We are putting a stamp of approval on what was misunderstood

in the first place.

Webster's 3rd International dictionary describes inhibition as "a desirable restraint or check upon the free or spontaneous instincts or impulses of an individual effected through the operation of the human will, guided or directed by the social and cultural forces of the environment."

"Desirable", meaning we relocate in our thinking the word inhibition under "normal" rather than "abnormal" psyche, and consider it in another light. Desirable, meaning something worthy, pleasing, and beneficial, something valuable enough to save. "A desirable restraint upon the spontaneous impulses" implying humans are something more than animals. Some restraints are necessary in life.

"Effected through the human will" meaning we choose. No one else can do that for us. I am the one who chooses what I do.

It is not society, nor circumstances, nor the situation, but I choose. We voluntarily impose upon ourselves certain restraints for social reasons...for acceptance. We are functionable in society as a result. These are considered to be beneficial restraints.

Sigmund Freud defined some components of the human psyche that helps us to recognize an element called the superego, or more commonly known as the conscience. In a literary essay in Civilization magazine, Mark Edmunson reports that Freud called this element of the mind "civilizations internal agent." He further quotes that "it is an active, influential element that is part of the self" that could "punish our purportedly immoral desires." His comments affirm also, that the "superego could be unduly persecutive."

Freud indicates in his last book, according to Edmunson, that "he felt now that he knew why, given that the means for happiness seem to be available all around us, real joy remains



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uncommon.” Freud blamed a persecutive conscience for unhappiness in a person’s life. With this in mind, we must realize the importance of a good conscience.

We restrain the purely natural impulses to maintain acceptance in society. But what happens when the company we are keeping changes along with its expectations? Do we automatically adjust our values and mores accordingly?

The Apostle Paul in Romans 2:14 and 15 explains, in reference to natural man, that “the requirements of the law are written on their hearts.” We have a code of what is good internally inscribed. It is an inner principle, and watching over it, the conscience “bears witness”, like a watchful sentinel.

This inner principle is the core of inhibitions. It is what conscience witnesses for or against. We have this code in our “innocent” childhood. Like a faithful friend, conscience becomes a persecutor when we don’t obey the code.

Inhibitions are not just a reflection of our society. These are a normal reservation about what we know is wrong. They preserve the conscience...if we cooperate!

Freud, in determining the abuse inflicted by the conscience upon the soul of man, thought he had found the reason true happiness escapes us. His study and observation of the human nature led him to the same discovery as Adam and Eve. We are naked before our own conscience, and we cannot hide from its accusations. We are victim to its lapses of condemnation; or, we have it as our friend.

Inhibitions deter onslaughts of persecutive conscience, if we heed them. Inhibitions exist for the purpose of guarding that inner code. Just as we would respect another person we need to respect our own conscience.

“He that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body”, according to I Corinthians 6:18. This is a code we cannot escape, lest our own conscience persecute us. “Emotionally the fornicator will carry a guilty conscience (until or unless forgiven by God) and many experience severe emotional problems...or they can become so enslaved to sensuality that their future faithfulness in marriage may be put in jeopardy” records one Baptist Sunday School Quarterly.

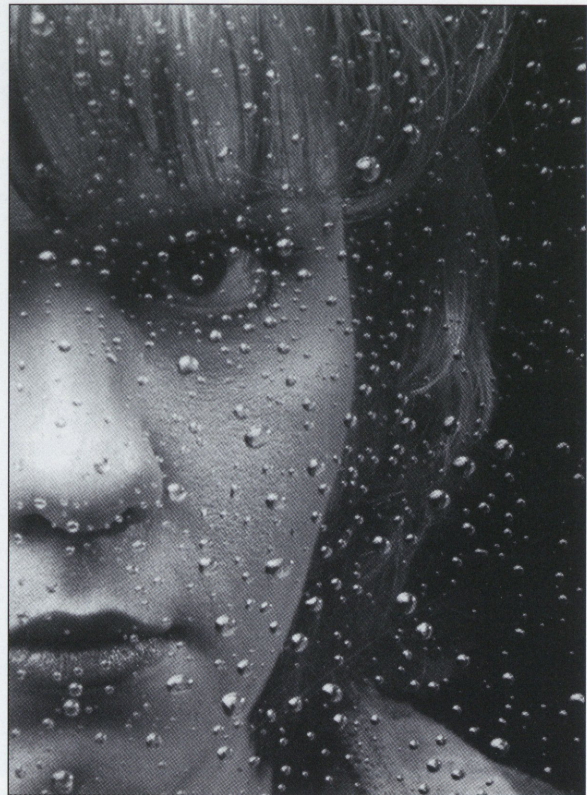


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We “naturally” have inhibitions about modesty, virginity, respect for others, lying, stealing, murder, taking chemicals, etc. These are a code that set up check points in us. When we go through those check points, we are breaking down natural resistance, and setting ourselves up for attack.

These are things we know are wrong because we recognize them as a public code, but do we recognize them as a part of us? Have we kept them valuably transcribed within to keep us from transgressing?

Are we willing to deny our own purposes to maintain an integrity that is truly valiant? Do we hope to maintain our own sanity and sense of purpose? To be “in harmony” we have to have our conscience as a friend and a guide.

Some philosophies destroy certain mores and values in our generation. We alone are responsible for our own choices and behavior. Freud recognized the workings of the human mind, but not a cure.

We have to be responsible. A mountain of excuses will never condone the misdeeds that we commit against our own bodies and minds and each other...and against He who made us. ☞

I've got you under my spell

by Victoria Steele

Aphrodisiacs are drugs or other agents that arouse or increase sexual desire. The term "aphrodisiac" means causing or increasing sexual desire; an agent or drug that arouses or increases sexual response. The definition of aphrodisiac leaves it wide open to interpretation until practically anything could be considered an aphrodisiac if you want to think of it that way.

Ann Sutton, owner of Natural Health Center in Webb City, thinks aphrodisiacs are a fun subject. Sutton has an Info-Tel extension, 782-2700, extension 1545 called "For Adults Only." She

uses the recording to tell people about aphrodisiacs.

"At the end of the Info-Tel message I tell everyone to add some

sensual massage oils and send the kids to grandma's house," she said, with a laugh. "Aroma therapy adds a new dimension to your love life."

The brain is the largest sexual organ. Orgasm, the climax of sexual excitement, occurs in the brain's limbic system or pleasure center.

The brain is the most important sexual organ, said Dr. George Armelagos, an anthropologist at the University of Florida in Gainesville and author of *Consuming Passions*.

If you think something will work as an aphrodisiac, then you have an aphrodisiac, he said.

Margie Lundien, owner of Margie's Herb Shop in Joplin, disagrees with that statement.

"There are some people that (theory) doesn't work on because they are lacking something, some hormones," London said. "Men go through life changes just like women and the hormones just aren't there to work with."

Both Sutton and London have several of the same products in their aphrodisiac "arsenal." One of the products, X-A, is an herbal aphrodisiac formula which includes saw palmetto, Damiana and sarsaparilla.

"Damiana helps women who can't have children and helps produce the egg," London

said. "It's recommended for increasing sperm count and strengthens the egg so it's good for couples trying to have a child."

Another product both

"The moon is nothing
But a circumambulating aphrodisiac
Divinely subsidized to provoke the world
Into a rising birth-rate."

From Act III,
The Lady's Not For Burning (1948)
Christopher Fry

shops carry is Achieve, produced by Nature's Sunshine, which contains a combination of ingredients including yohimbe.

Aphrodisiacs fall into several categories: Pharmaceuticals and drugs of herbal origin; scents and perfumes; food and drink; spices; animal preparations; plant preparations; other preparations; and seducing small talk.

Pharmaceuticals and drugs of herbal origin may affect the behavior of the genital organs.

Some people are currently trumpeting the increased sexual libido of women who are prescribed testosterone.

"Yohimbe has been historically or traditionally used to help men maintain erections,"

Sutton said.

Yohimbine has a long folk history as a love potion and has become a prescription drug for the treatment of male impotence. Yohimbine is a chemical derived from the bark of the African yohimbe tree.

Yohimbe bark extract is a MAO Inhibitor and shouldn't be taken with certain other medications.

Spanish Fly (a drop or two is supposed to drive women wild with passion) or cantharidin has been known to cause poisoning. Another product, "Fantasy," is on the market.

"I won't carry Fantasy," said London. "Fantasy damages the brain like Spanish Fly."

Scents and perfumes may have positive associations.

London said Ylang-ylang, an essential oil, "makes women more aroused" and lavender, another essential oil, is useful to sooth someone down afterwards.

"If you put it (ylang-ylang) on a pulse point, it gives you a head rush," she said. "I can really feel it in my temples."

London sells a line of essential oils and a base of grapeseed oil or apricot kernel oil in a four-ounce bottle for \$5.

Food and drink may contribute to a favorable atmosphere. Some believe certain foods contain active chemicals (aphrodisiacs).

Bananas, carrots and asparagus have all been used as love potions. The English concluded the potato must be an aphrodisiac after Ireland's population boomed. When Europeans discovered tomatoes in South America, the decided the deep, red globes must be the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden and dubbed them "love apples."

"Hot peppers opens up the circulation and stimulates the body," said London.

Spices, which can be used alone or with food are sometimes thought to arouse desire.

Some animal preparations, not intended as food, are rumored to have some effect on humans.

Powdered rhinoceros horn and hippopotamus snout have both been used as aphrodisiacs. Several species of animals and plants have been driven to the brink of extinction because of rumors that some part had the power to arouse.

Some other animal preparations include: antler velvet from a young deer, the reproduc-



Photo by Shandy McBride

tive organs of animals, male and female gecko lizards, and human placenta.

Plant preparations, such as ginseng and mandrake, are considered aphrodisiacs.

The Chinese have sworn by ginseng for 5,000 years. Chinese ginseng is quite expensive and quality control is poor. In a study of 54 commercial ginseng products analyzed, about 60 percent was worthless and a quarter contained no ginseng at all.

London said Ginseng is not as powerful as some of the other herbal preparations and yohimbe.

Alpha tocopherol or vitamin E has a widespread reputation as an aphrodisiac. If vitamin E levels are normal, adding supplements will have no effect on your sex drive.

Exercise might act as a mild aphrodisiac. Men and women who keep in shape seem to have lustier sex lives and remain sexually active longer according to research.

Herbs are said to be an aphrodisiac



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Natural Health Center stocks many herbs on their shelves.

Seducing small talk, might perhaps be the most efficient aphrodisiac, according to "Johan's Guide to Aphrodisiacs."

"I think something exotic would be an evening with candles, low lights, and aroma therapy on the pulse points...or body oil...a sensual massage," Sutton said. "I love these things. They are fun."

Martin Gardner wrote in *Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science*: "Methods for overcoming impotence have likewise been the object of considerable quasi-scientific investigation."

An authority can be found for almost every folk belief about the sexually stimulating qualities of certain foods—in most cases foods of an uncommon variety which are somehow associated with sex.

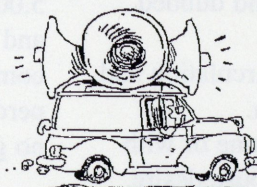
Eggs and caviar (fish eggs), for example; or foods which suggest or resemble sex organs (asparagus, celery, onions, clams, oysters, and so forth). Hundreds of quack medicines and devices have been devoted to stimulating potency."

Some of the available literature on aphrodisiacs includes, but is not limited to: *Encyclopedia of Sexual Knowledge*, A. Costler and R. Willy, 1936; *The Magical and Ritual Use of Aphrodisiacs*, R.A. Miller, 1993; *Love Potions: A*

Guide to Aphrodisiacs and Sexual Pleasures, C.M. Watson, 1993; *A Dictionary of Aphrodisiacs*, H.E. Wedeck, 1992; *The Plays of William Shakespeare*, vol. III, E. Malone; and *Food for Love*, Barbara Cartland, 1975. ♪

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It's a Gray Area

by Karina Keith

This was supposed to be easy. I went into the date rape assignment with a cut-and-dry theory, not all that uncommon for college women.

Men are rapists.

Women are victims.

Hey it's simple, it's straightforward, and it would make things easier. It's also not a hard sell. Pick up a pamphlet from the health center sometime. Acquaintance rape, by definition, involves sex against one's will:

"whether you are passed out, too drunk to refuse, too scared to argue or for some other reason,

do not give consent."

You'd have to be blind to miss it at any school, yes even at Missouri Southern. Victims by legal definition seem to exist everywhere but the crime reports. Campus security files have been clean for at least five years, even of attempts, strange.

To resolve an almost maddening situation, either the campus is swarming with drunken floozies that roll with the punches as penance for their lifestyles, or it's time to redefine date rape. I wouldn't have given an ounce of consideration to changing my convictions until a random lunchroom conversation reminded me of a thing called "the college mentality." (You remember that. It's what scared your parents when you began this endeavor.) Apparently, so-and-so had partied like there were no morning classes and "enjoyed" a night of passion with, well, a real loser. After a period of morning-after humiliation, she, like any red-blooded beer drinker, was prepared to drop the topic in exchange for acknowledgment of a simple mistake.

Technically, our friend here was a victim of acquaintance rape. Practically, she considered the event an accident waiting to happen. After all, she consented. The frightening thing was that I started to agree.

It just might be possible that a trade-off for the freedoms of higher learning is acceptance of the muted moral code of college and universities. Many laws are inconsistent with this tradi-



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Rape can scar a person for a lifetime

tion. In "Campus Land," you become ingrained with the notion of accountability for your actions. Alcohol is no longer dangerous, it is risky, yet risky behavior is an essential part of the popular study/party/sleep subculture of campuses nationwide. Isn't college success supposed to be about taking risks?

Don't get me wrong, Date rape is inexcusable and deserves recognition, especially in a college community. It is just ironic that the students most affected by it are the same ones willing to assign the crime a "petty" status. Is that in our best interest? ☹

Turning sex



Rep. Gary Burton
on criminal sex laws—

“ If you start changing laws, you may lose the flexibility to be able to go after somebody. ”



Rep. Mark Elliott
on morality of sex laws—

“ A portion of what we’ve been dealing with are moral issues. ”

Excerpts from Missouri’s statutes

Deviate sexual intercourse: any act involving the genitals of one person and the mouth, tongue, or anus of another person or a sexual act involving the penetration, however slight, of the male or female sex organ or the anus by a finger, instrument or object done for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person.

Sexual contact: any touching of another person with the genitals or any touching of the genitals or anus of another person, or the breast of a female person, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire of any person.

Sexual intercourse: any penetration, however slight, of the female sex organ by the male sex organ, whether or not an emission results.

The court shall sentence a person who has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of the felony of forcible rape, statutory sodomy in the first degree or an attempt to commit any of the aforesaid to an extended term of imprisonment if it finds the defendant is a “persistent sexual offender.”

“Persistent sexual offender”: One who has previously pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of the felony of forcible rape, statutory rape in the first degree or an attempt to commit any of the aforesaid. The term of imprisonment for one found to be a “persistent sexual offender” shall be not less than thirty years, which term shall be served without probation or parole.



Rep. Gary Marble
on drafting sex laws—

“ Yes it is the government’s business. In order to create a society that is civil and to protect the future of our children. ”



Rep. Chuck Surface
on bestiality—

“ I would hate to think that there would be a necessity for such a law. It just seems like common sense. ”

into law

Local lawmakers defend statutes

By J.L. Griffin

Nobody wants anyone telling them what they can and can't do with their bodies and that's the point many lawmakers try to stress to the public when dealing with sex laws.

Missouri's statehouse has passed many changes to the laws governing sexuality over the recent years.

In an effort to stem the tide of sexual predators, legislators have stiffened penalties and tried to make the lines of crime more clear. Area House members agree that the laws are needed to protect victims from career sex offenders, deemed "persistent sexual offenders."

Sexual intercourse as defined by Missouri statutes is: "any penetration, however slight, of the female sex organ by the male sex organ, whether or not an emission results." The laws go further to describe what is referred to as "deviate sexual intercourse." It stipulates "any act involving the genitals of one person and the mouth, tongue or anus of another person or a sexual act involving the the penetration, however slight, of the male or female sex organ or the anus by a finger, instrument or object done for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person."

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) believes that some of the laws deal with morality issues.

"It's very difficult to legislate morality," Burton said, although he said that isn't the primary reason for the laws.

"Yes it is the government's business," Rep. Gary Marble (R-Neosho) said, "in order to create a society that is

civil and to protect the future of our children."

The protection of children from sexual predators and women from rapists is the primary reason for the sex laws according to the legislators. It's also to keep acts of lewdness from the public eye.

The legislators all agree that the laws are not about controlling the conduct in someone's bedroom.

"I don't think anyone's going to go into anyone's bedroom by any means," Burton said.

The way the law reads now, it categorizes homosexual sex as being "deviate." The law won't be soon to change according to Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin).

"I don't know that the legislature is here to redefine laws based on political correctness," Surface said. "We're here to address problems that come up."

The consensus seems to be that the laws are needed and that problems that stem from them will be addressed if they are brought to the attention of the legislature.

"The laws have been put on the books for a reason," Burton said. "If [someone] can show a reason for why something should be changed we'll take a look at it."

Children are the main concern when writing sex laws. The protection of them weighs heavily on the minds of lawmakers, according to the legislators.

"The main thrust of the language is to cover pedophiles," said Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City).

Burton said the language is to make sure criminals can be prosecuted to the fullest.

"The language in the laws is needed to reinforce the penalty against that person," he said.

Elliott said that this year, many issues dealing with sex statutes aren't as criminal as they are moral. He said the same-sex marriage issue may be on the House calendar this year.

"A portion of what we've been dealing with are moral issues," Elliott said.

He went on to say that the issue needed to be separated from the deviate sexual offenses.

Surface said the term "deviate sexual offense" was probably coined during the 1940s or 50s when the legislature had to be less careful about how things were stated.

Even with all the seriousness involved with sex laws, there are some laws that seem outrageous.

Missouri doesn't have a law forbidding bestiality, Indiana does though. The legislators believe that the law is a non-issue unless it becomes a problem.

"If we had a problem in Missouri to where we had public displays of that kind of activity, then we should have a law on the books," Burton said.

"I would hate to think that there would be a necessity for such a law," Surface said. "It just seems like common sense."

"I don't know the answer to that problem," Elliott said. "I don't know why we wouldn't have a law."

Running for my life... in a never-ending race

by Linda Emory

We are in a race. Some run it for money, some for pleasure, some for prestige or success. I run for eternity. Eternity is a goal with purpose for a Christian. There are events and people along the way and purpose in all that is here; but nothing is a purpose in itself. I am quite satisfied just to be in the race for heaven. I run with the goal in mind which keeps me focused and worthy for the running.

My story begins when I was not in the running...a memory that keeps me in the race, also. I can relate to those who wander aimlessly because I remember.

I was born in a family of seven children. My hard-working mother was devoted to her family. My father left the day I was born.

Mom remarried sometime during my early life. My step-father was an intelligent man with a good position in an aeronautics corporation and advancing quickly. He had just one problem...he drank occasionally.

After a few years, he became disabled with tuberculosis, and his drinking became more severe. Often he was abusive to the family during his binges, but we learned to adapt.

He was the only father I ever knew. My older brothers left home early because of him, but I felt sorry for him. My mom was always loyal and I loved my mom. I thought she was the "perfect" mother.

One evening I awoke from sleep aware of a voice rasping in my ear that smelled of alcohol. It was telling me of a fight, a possible murder and warned that the police may soon arrest my (step) father. It also mentioned a knife, which I felt

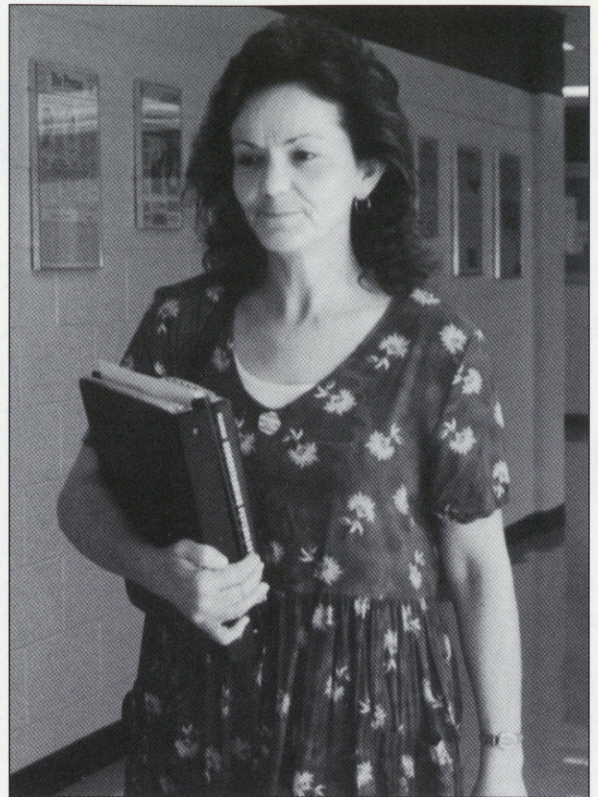


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against my side, that might still have blood on it. At the same time a hand was touching me in private places.

I was too afraid to scream. I heard the breathing of my little sister in bed next to me. I didn't want her to wake to such a scene. Then he was gone.

I was probably nine years old at the time. The following years were one incident after another over a period of five to six years. I never told; never asked for help. I thought it would kill my mom if she knew and I was terribly ashamed.

There were many abuses during that time. My step-father made me his personal maid because of his illness. There were many bizarre episodes and I was captive to his demands. I was exposed to pornography and various forms of sex. I was threatened with a gun and intentional car wrecks if I didn't comply. At least twice I told him to just kill me.

My step-father was driven by a passion that was not just sexual. He wanted to own me and bear intelligent children — like Hitler's super-race.

I was a bizarre teenager by the time Mom left him. He threatened to kill her and cut her up in little pieces because I chose to go with her. But that never happened. He was out of our lives completely after we moved away.



**Linda with her Husband
Kim Emory and
Grandchildren, Kimberly
and Samuel Spencer.**

Photo by Shandy McBride

Mom checked herself into a mental hospital when I was 16. She came home after a few months, but she was never the same.

I felt so alone both at home and at school during those years. No one could understand or help me. I tried to be normal...for everyone else. Few suspected I had any problems or the severity of them.

Life was never normal. We were quite poor. For several years we had no running water or inside toilet. For long periods of time we ate nothing but potatoes and corn. Meat was a rarity. I remember once, eating oatmeal in spite of the little worms in it. Often we cooked chicken grain until it was tender enough to eat.

I was totally unbridled after Mom went to the hospital, except by work and school. I tried to fill her shoes as mother, but it was a pitiful effort. Mostly, I tried to drown my sorrows in liquor and finding some fun and acceptance in my spare time. I had slept with over seventy men by the time I graduated high-school.

There was no answer for my pain, no logic to reason away my torment. Everything was without purpose, hope or understanding. I felt contaminated by something vile that snatched away any illusion of happiness. I didn't have any idea of a meaningful family life or loving home.

I married a man who was just like me. We were married four years and had two beautiful

daughters. When I discovered he was seeing other women, I divorced him.

My experiences brought me to the realization that life is meaningless. Everything here is corrupt. There is only hopelessness. There is no real love or lasting satisfaction. Everything ends in greed and vain desire. In spite of all my fun, there was nothing truly satisfying.

For a few years, I lived a tug-of-war between my devotion to my children and pursuing an education that would provide for them, and drugs and having fun. It never occurred to me that I could live without one to facilitate the other. These were the best years of my life and I couldn't miss out on the fun.

I went to Missouri Southern the first time in the early 1970s. I managed to make passing grades, but I wasn't a good nurse later. It takes more than personality to work in a profession in which other lives are at stake. Nursing takes knowledge, skill, commitment and full attention to the chore plus hard work and dedication.

I was an ugly person. I felt ugly inside and contaminated. I felt abnormal, not only because of the sexual experiences, but because of mental harassment. I was abnormal because of the guilt and the shame.

I was so young when it all started. Most people would say I was a victim. But it was not just self-punishment to realize the shame; because it



Linda sits with her sister, Judy Gannaway of Oronogo.

Photo by Shandy McBride

was the homes I broke up fulfilling my own desires and the lust that ruled my life that hurt.

I remember the first time, though...that I did walk away from sexual temptation. I was with a female and male friend who wanted to have an orgy.

I looked in their eyes, shining with expectancy and I was both tempted and repulsed.

It took all the strength I could gather just to walk away. But the moment I closed the door behind me, I found a natural "high." I floated to my car. I was so pleased when I glanced in the rear-view mirror and saw two crystal clear eyes. And they were mine!

What a tragedy when the voice of our own conscience condemns us! If I had participated in that activity, I would have stifled that clear voice inside me.

I wouldn't have been able to face myself in the mirror if I had stayed with them.

Conscience is a valuable voice if we listen and comply. But if we stifle it we become hardened. Lust takes over and misery becomes a chronic condition. Conscience can be a persecutor or it can become your best friend.

Conscience never dies. You can't drown it with drink or drugs and you can't avoid it. You will only learn to hate it and those who remind you of it, if you don't honor it. You will become a victimizer and deceive yourself. It is our responsibility to know that right and wrong exist, and to choose right.

I could not be free from a guilty conscience until Jesus gave me freedom. He forgave me and everything that I had done and made me new inside. He forgave the pain I had caused others. That was the power that set me free.

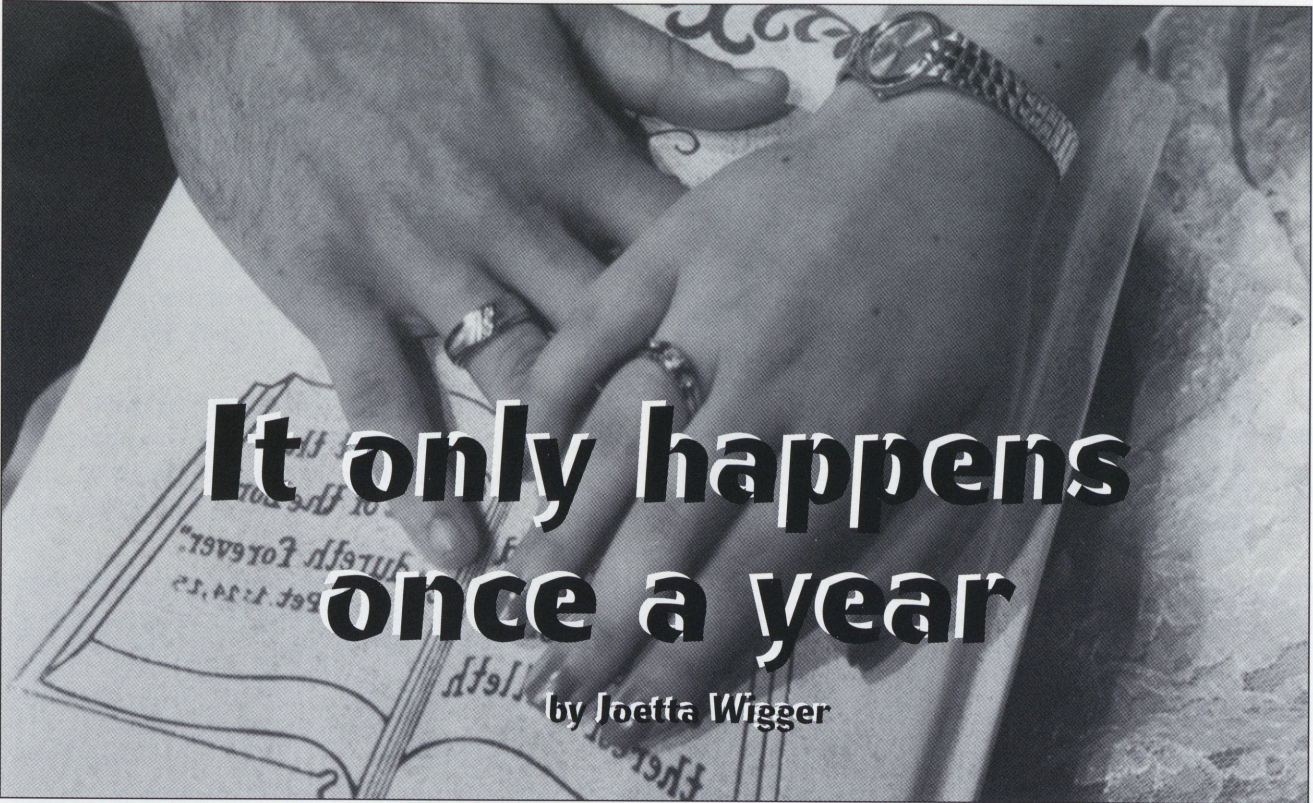
If God forgives you, who can hold anything against you?

I encourage students today to apply themselves to study. Your life and maybe others lives will depend on it. If nothing more, it will make the difference between promotion and discouragement. Be the best you can be. But that alone is not sufficient. This is the reason Christ died. We each have the same need to be free from sin, no matter how moderate or severe our lives have been.

I found the perfect man and am still married to him. We had a son and one more daughter. My daughters have had a different life than what I experienced. My son is living for Jesus also.

My life changed when I found Jesus. He taught me what was good and gave me strength to resist sin. He gave me a rule to live by - the Bible. He gave me understanding and wisdom that make me more than a victim. He was and is the answer for every ill known to mankind, there is no other truth.

I run now because running feels good. It feels good to be free from sin. I run because I have purpose. I have a goal in mind. Running keeps me in the race. ☺



It only happens once a year

by Joetta Wigger

Besides birthdays, wedding anniversaries are probably the most celebrated personal occasions in the United States today. Different couples celebrate the special day in different ways.

"We usually just go out and eat wherever my wife wants to go," said Wayne Walter, a retired man taking classes at Missouri Southern. "It's usually a place where they serve steaks. We don't buy each other gifts or anything like that."

"This year we'll have been married 43 years," he added.

Lisa Thomas, a senior speech communications major, will celebrate her first anniversary Aug. 5.

"We'll probably go back to Big Cedar Lodge in Branson, where we went for our honeymoon," said Thomas.

Carmen Owen, a sophomore accounting major, was married this October, but has been with her husband for three years.

"Before we were married, we would go to Branson each year on the anniversary of when we first started going out," said Owen. "Now that we're married, we'll probably do the same thing."

Though this practice of celebrating wed-

ding anniversaries is common in the United States, it is not in many parts of the world. Keeping track of an anniversary means belonging to a literate family and using a calendar. This is impossible in other countries where the majority of the people are illiterate.

Though they do not celebrate their own wedding anniversary specifically, some groups of people do so indirectly.

The Shi'ite Muslims of Iran recognize the anniversary of the marriage between Fatima, Mohammed's daughter, and Ali, Mohammed's cousin.

The tradition of wedding anniversaries originated in Western Europe in the seventeenth century. In 1624, a church record reported an uncommon silver wedding anniversary. Few people lived that long. John Evelyn's 1659 diary tells of an invitation to a "forty-first wedding-day feast."

Every anniversary was celebrated in seventeenth century Europe. The 2nd, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, and 50th are the most popular ones recognized in the modern United States.

Though many people don't celebrate this occasion in other countries, those who do usually do some of the same things as many Americans do. Irma Rawlins, a Spanish teacher at Missouri Southern, came from



David and Cathy
Carpenter,
married March
16, 1996

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Southern Texas, a short distance from the Mexican border.

"In Mexico, they go out to dinner and sometimes go to nightclubs where orchestras play," said Rawlins. "The ladies dress in evening gowns and it's very classy. They go all the way when they celebrate."

Rawlins spoke little English when she came to Joplin 21 years ago. She married an American and on each anniversary, she and her husband discuss her progress.

"We would always talk about the past," she said, "and say 'remember when?' I was constantly climbing a ladder, learning to improve my English and each year we would look back and see how far I had come." ☺

Wedding Anniversaries and Symbols

- 1 year — paper (poetry, stationery)
- 2 years — cotton, calico (clothes)
- 3 years — leather (shoes, coats)
- 4 years — fruit, flowers, books
- 5 years — wood (furniture)
- 6 years — candy, sugar, iron
- 7 years — wool, copper, brass bronze (clocks, candlesticks)
- 8 years — rubber, electrical appliances (washers, dryers)
- 9 years — pottery
- 10 years — tin, aluminum (pans, bowls)
- 11 years — steel (car)
- 12 years — linen, silk, nylon (nightclothes)
- 13 years — lace (doilies, curtains)
- 14 years — ivory
- 15 — crystal
- 20 — china
- 25 — silver
- 30 — pearl
- 35 — coral, jade
- 40 — ruby
- 45 — sapphire
- 50 — golden
- 55 — emerald
- 75 — diamond

How do you HAVE A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE?

by DAN SHACKELFORD

Capturing the ghost...how can a couple find and retain that mysterious goal, 'the successful marriage'?

Marriage is supposed to be a state of wonder, the joy of a couple living together in happiness and contentment. But is it?

Intimate relationships are difficult. Relationships are often fraught with dangers like hidden mine fields, full of entrapments, personal sacrifices and unknowns; yet relationships can be the glory of a lifetime.

Can two people live together in harmony and each be fulfilled? What makes a good relationship? What makes for a happy and successful marriage?

Every couple faces these questions and many others as they contemplate entering into that lifelong commitment called marriage.

The most challenging experience of my career as a pastor and pastoral counselor has been the leadership of a discussion group which studies marriage and family issues.

I have been an ordained minister since 1980 and a pastor for 11 years. I have been married for

26 years. I have taken multiple courses and seminars about marriage. I have spent hundreds of hours counseling couples.

The Horizons class at Abundant Life Assemblies of God church in Neosho was designed for the purpose of helping couples, both married and engaged, to establish sound foundations for lasting, intimate relationships. For more than a year we have focused on this particular topic: What makes for a successful marriage?

"Having a successful marriage relationship is like trying to capture a ghost with a butterfly net," I told the class one Sunday morning. "It's not impossible but it is certainly difficult."

For the past several weeks I have surveyed people on the subject and have found some interesting points of agreement and also some particularly different ideas. Opinions on intimate relationships in marriage seem as varied as the number of individuals you may question. Individuals measure success or failure in marriage by their own personal concepts and standards.

Students in Human Communication, a class taught by Richard Massa, head of the communica-



Dan Shackelford said his most challenging experience of being a pastor and pastoral counselor has been a leader of a discussion group studying marriage and family issues.

tions department, were asked to give one word which they considered the basis of a good marriage or reason to have an intimate relationship.

I was amazed at the list of responses given by the students. That list included: love, companionship, security, fate, family, need to be needed and mental stimulation.

When the students were asked to define some of the words, love in particular, they could not really put their finger on an absolute.

Questioning couples, singles, ministers, counselors, teachers and students along with married, divorced, engaged people of all different ages brought a multitude of ideas.

"Make sure that if you get married that you the gumption to make it last," said Alexandra Lang, senior speech communications major. "If you don't want to have a successful marriage with all of your heart and soul...don't do it."

Valerie Barcom, junior psychology major, agreed with Lang's sentiment.

"There are too many whimsical marriages," Barcom said. "Before getting married, give it a lot of thought."

Rev. William Nichols, past of Abundant Life Assembly and married for 24 years, provided a list of suggestions for making a marriage last:

- ° Don't let the sun go down on your wrath. When there is an argument or difference of opinion, make peace with one another before you go to bed.

- ° Openness in communication is an absolute must.

- ° Express your love to one another on a daily basis.

- ° Keep a "Godly" focus in your marriage.

- ° Keep a daily devotion to maintain closeness within your family relationships.

Virginia Shafer, a junior print communication major, confirmed Nichols' list.

"Fuss, okay...but make up," said Shafer. "Don't let the sun go down on your anger. That's a good policy."

Shafer, a widow, was married for more than 50 years. She and several other respondents contributed these thoughts:

- ° Friendship...if you can't be friends with your companion, how can you truly love them?

- ° Communication...everyone surveyed thought this was an absolute necessity for any successful relationship.

- ° Love...although no one could give a precise definition of love, many emphasized the importance of genuine affection and consideration for each partner.


"Love can 'just happen,' but a good marriage never just happens," said Rev. Philip Appenzeller, associate pastor of Abundant Life Assembly. "Marriage works where both parties work at it and communication is the operative word."

Many of the younger people I questioned were skeptical as to the possibility of success, but all were hopeful for themselves.

"Hard work...that's what marriage takes," said Lang. "That's what I plan to do when I get married. Why should you get married if you don't plan to work at it?"

Can the ghost be captured?

The consensus of opinion is "yes" but like the vaporous essence of the ghostly spirit, a successful, happy, contented marriage relationship is a mystical thing. It is often just out of our grasp but is never out of reach to those who are willing to make the dedicated effort, the determined commitment, the forgiving affection and the loving care required to capture it. ☺



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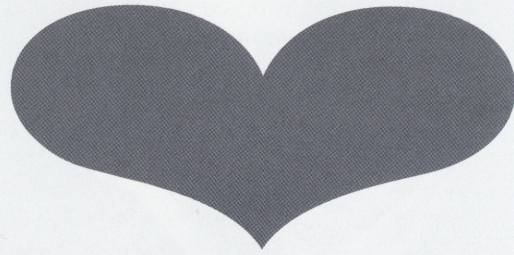
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The power of love

by Christy Yun



Many say that love is the greatest mystery of all time. No one fully understands or comprehends love's power. People say love has no size or shape and that love comes when least expected.

What is the definition of love? Random House College Dictionary describes love as "a profoundly tender, passionate affection for a person of the opposite sex." The American Heritage Dictionary describes love as "an intense attraction to another person based largely on sexual desire" or "the deep affection, tenderness and concern felt for a person with whom one has or wishes to have a relationship based on sexual attraction."

If a person asked you — "Do you believe in love at first sight?" — what would you say?

Students on campus had a variety of responses to this question. Brian McKee, senior communications major, said he knows first-hand about love.

McKee said, "I know that it is love when my heart starts beating faster and the only thing I can say is 'Hi.' I feel love at first sight is like a gut feeling and your heart drops to your stomach when you see someone you are attracted to. You know it is love.

"Love at first sight is a phrase most don't believe because it has never happened to them," he added. "In my experience, though, I met this

girl in a class and just melted every time I saw her. Eventually we started dating."

Many other men believe that love at first sight can happen, but they personally have not experienced it. Michael Munster, senior communications major, agrees.

"I've seen it happen, and heard from my friends that it can happen," he said.

Kent Shorten, senior criminal justice major; Greg Ray, junior marketing major; and Charles Olson, an undecided freshman, said they have yet to experience love at first sight, but think it can happen.

Other men didn't believe in finding love at first sight.

"I don't believe it because love is not a spontaneous feeling," said Eric Jackson, senior biology major. "It is based on what you know in the inside of that person. It starts with friendship."

Ryan Barrett, freshman biology major, said people can't love someone that fast because love takes time, effort and work.

"My version of love is something that grows on you, not something that is mystically there," said Chad Wagoner, senior biology major.

Women shared many responses when asked about love at first sight.

"When I met my husband for the first time," said Krista (Maples) Lowery, sophomore commu

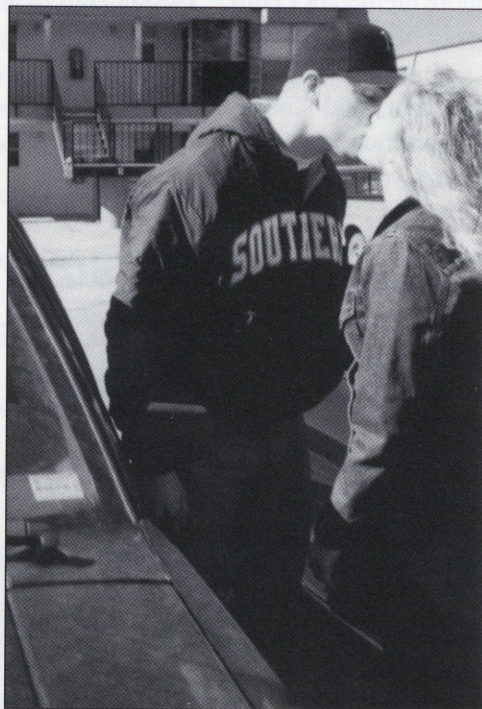


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James Kinder, Junior Secondary education major and Amber Irwin, Freshman nursing major.



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Braden McBride, Senior elementary education major and Shelly Perkins, Freshman secondary education major.

nications major. "I knew he was the one I wanted to spend the rest of my life with."

Susan Cameron, sophomore elementary education major, said some things in life are left up to fate.

"I believe in love at first sight, said Andrea Emanuel, freshman computer science major. "I think that if something is meant to be you'll know right away."

Jennifer Dawson, undecided sophomore, said she believes love sometimes overtakes rationality.

Several women said they did not believe in love at first sight and explained why.

"No, I can't believe it," said Valerie Spain, freshman criminal justice major. "I think you have to get to know someone before you can say that you love them."

Lori McKinney, sophomore physical therapist major, said it takes time to develop love.

"You can't love a person without getting to know them," said Amy Graves, freshman biology major. "You have to love them for who they are, not what they look like."

Jennafer Stokes, sophomore communications major, said "No, I don't believe in love at first sight because love is something you choose to do. It's something you learn to do and it is work."

"If love was as easy as 'love at first

sight,' I would have been in love several times and with several guys," she added.

Many students think lust is frequently confused with love.

"I don't believe in love at first sight because of the fact that I think love comes from the inside," said Julie Greenfield, freshman biology major. "I only believe in lust at first sight."

Noelle Hill, sophomore psychology major echoed Greenfield's sentiments.

"It would have to be lust," Hill said. "Love requires knowing every aspect of that person," said Noelle Hill, sophomore psychology major. "You accept them for them, flaws and all."

Rebecca Morris, sophomore elementary education major, was more hopeful in her assessment.

"Maybe it's lust at first sight and perhaps that lust can turn into love eventually," she said.

There are a variety of explanations for love. People tend to go with whatever they feel in their hearts. The exact truth may never be known, but seeing different opinions might broaden people's minds or even change their point of view. Love at first sight is possible in the eyes of some. ♡

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Red Oak II will take you...

Back to Rural America



by Tammy
Dunkle

The Twilight Zone is located just east of Carthage off Highway 96.

The chickens running loose are not entirely out of place for a Southwest Missouri farm, but the junk metal sculptures reveal something is different at Red Oak II. Artist Lowell Davis has created a 60-acre recreation of a 1930s rural American small town.

"The buildings are all sculptures," said Davis. "You put your own touch to them when you put them back. I feel that art is in everything—in junk, in wood."

Many of the buildings at Red Oak were moved from the original town of Red Oak, Davis' boyhood home, which is about 20 miles east of Red Oak II. Other buildings were found in small towns and along roadsides nearby. All have been carefully restored.

"I just couldn't stand to see all those buildings falling apart," he said. "I remember when grandfathers lived there. They had white fences and gardens, and the barns were painted and they had a lot of pride in them. The passing of that era bothers me a lot."

Red Oak II is rapidly becoming a real town. Several businesses have opened, including a cafe and a shop that makes uniforms and supplies for Civil War re-enactors.

Even the church is active, with more than 100 members attending services which are held every Sunday night.

There are several other buildings in Red Oak II including: Grampa Wheelers Blacksmith Shop, Old Phillips 66 Station, The Belle Starr Home/Museum, The General Store, Birdsong Art Gallery, and the Marshall Hooker Territorial Jail.

Every town has law enforcement and Red Oak is no exception. One can find Marshal Ralph L. Hooker either walking the dusty streets of the town or at the Marshal Hooker's Museum and



**Old Phillips 66 Station at
Red Oak II.**

Photo By Victoria Steele

This sculpture, created by artist Lowell Davis, represents a plumber's nightmarish collection of pipes.

Cabin. Hooker has a long white beard and hair. He wears a badge on his chest and spurs on his boots. At 88 years of age, he is the oldest living U.S. marshal.

What separates Red Oak from any other town, 1930s or otherwise, is Davis' artwork. His paintings and figurines are sold in the General Store and his work can be seen all around Red Oak.

A junk metal sculpture of a goat, its beard made from old forks and tin visible in its plow-tine rib cage, perches atop a tractor. A whole town's worth of bird houses, including a church, make up "Sparrowville." A stone sidewalk is laced with old tractor parts and household goods set into the mortar.

"I just do a lot of different things," Davis said. "Hopefully if people don't like my paintings, maybe they'll like my buildings. If they don't like my buildings, maybe they will like my iron junk."

The hours at Red Oak are seasonal, Sunday through Saturday. The town is closed late December through early March. For more information, persons may call (417) 358-9018.

"They say you can't go home again," said Davis. "Maybe in some ways you can't. But you can come pretty damn close and I think I've done it." ☺

One of several cabins at Red Oak II.

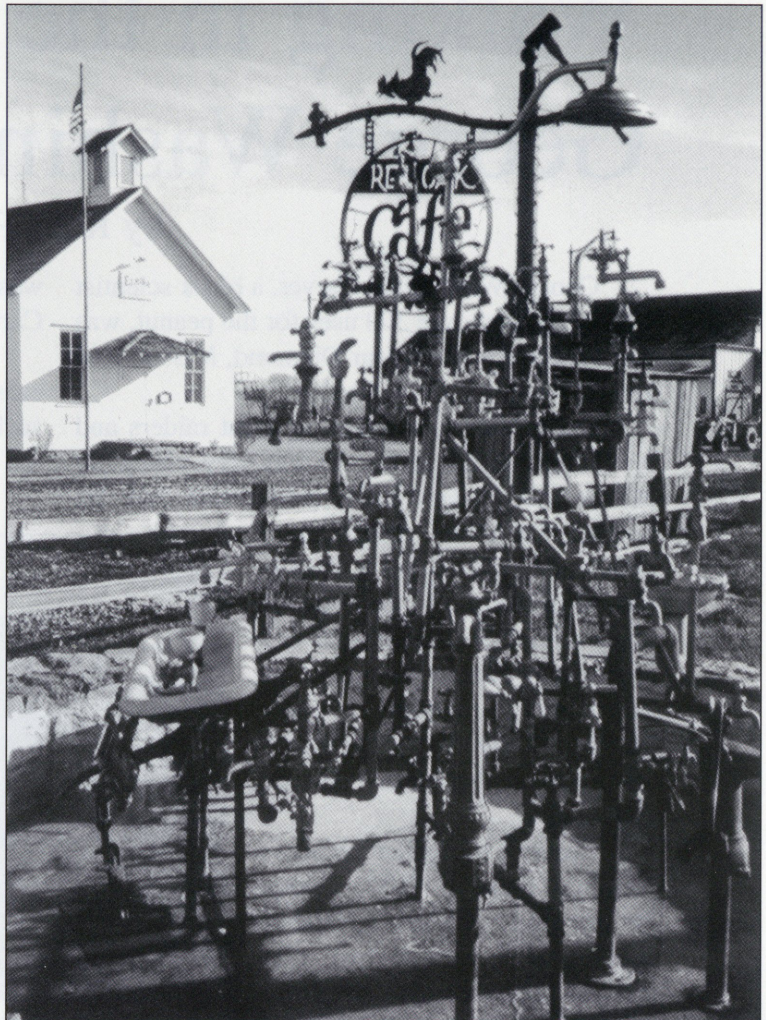


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Walking in the footsteps of George Washington Carver

by Katie Patrick

George Washington Carver, a black scientist who developed over 300 uses for the peanut, was born to slave parents near Diamond, Missouri, in 1864.

His mother was taken by night raiders and his father died when Carver was very young, so Moses and Susan Carver raised him and his brother. Carver lived near Diamond until he was 11. Then he moved to Neosho to go to an all-black school. He later went to college and became a teacher at the Tuskegee Institute (now, Tuskegee University.) He died in 1943 and was buried in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Carver's birthplace became a National Park in 1951. George Washington Carver National Monument is located two miles west of Diamond on V Highway, 30 minutes from Joplin. Visitors can enjoy a museum and explore a 3/4 mile trail at the park.

A statue of Carver will speak (if you press a button) at the beginning of the trail. A voice tells a brief history of Carver, followed by Carver's actual voice, which is high-pitched and quiet. He says everyone is born with two hands and two feet, and the only person who can limit what you do with them is yourself. He believes in people choosing their own destiny.

The trail begins after the statue. Benches and signs are placed along the trail to tell Carver's story.

One of the first sights on the trail is an outline of the size of the house where he was born. The whole house might be a little bigger than a king-sized bed.

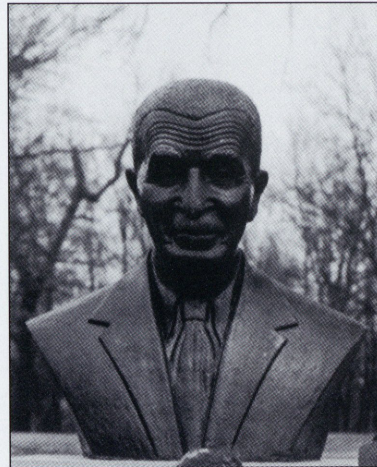
A statue of young Carver rests at the top of a steep hill. He is sitting on top of a pile of rocks holding a sick plant in his hands. He looks as though he wants to help save this plant. To the left of that statue, there is a path to the spring where Carver used to get water for Susan Carver. That

was one of the many chores he did for the Carvers.

The main trail goes over a bridge which crosses the creek. Vegetation and some animals such as deer, squirrels, and rabbits, can be seen on the trail.

A pond is stocked with carp, bass, bluegill, and sunfish. Too bad you can't fish in National Parks! If you are lucky, you might even see a muskrat in the pond. There are benches and shade by the pond, so this is a perfect spot to rest and relax.

Moses and Susan Carver's house, where Carver was raised, is also on the trail. That house is much larger than the house where Carver was born. The two-story, pale yellow house with blue trim contains displays of information about the Carvers. An old plow and wagon wait outside the house adding to the feeling of "times



**GEORGE
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CARVER**

gone by."

The trail then passes through the woods and on to the prairie. The Carver family cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall at the edge of the prairie. Moses and Susan Carver were buried here along with other family members.

The prairie path returns to the statue and the museum. The museum holds more information about his life. Furniture and a replica of the Carver home are displayed in the museum along with videos about Carver and nature.

I felt like I was experiencing history while I was there — walking in Carver's footsteps. The Monument is visited by 40,000 to 50,000 people each year. These visitors come from all over the world to experience the environment Carver knew as a child and to see the trail and museum. Revisiting his childhood helps people understand who this man was and why he was a famous scientist. ☺

Going to the Chapel of...

by Jason Owen

Precious Moments

Sam Butcher's words greet every visitor to Precious Moments.

It is my prayer that through my work in the chapel, I might share my faith with others and that the spirit of God might touch the visitors heart and bring them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

It was with this in mind that Sam Butcher began his work on the Precious Moments Chapel.

As you walk up to the visitors center you are drawn to a beautiful fountain where Precious Moments figurines float in boats and frolic with fish. this is followed by the visitors center itself, where there is an information desk and a friendly face ready to answer any questions.

A few steps further and you find yourself in a quaint European village complete with a castle protected by a knight, a boy serenading a young lady, and a young man flying a kite.

From there you have the option of going into the Chapel gift shop, snack shop, restaurant, or the Chapel itself. The gift shop has such an array of items that even the hardest of hearts will find it hard to say no. The Royal Delights Deli and

Snack Shop offers a quick lunch or a sweet treat to tide you over until you make your trip to the restaurant. Tiffany's restaurant is a must stop for anyone who visits the Chapel. With lunch starting at just \$3.95, and Sunday brunch \$4.95 for children (5-12) and \$8.95 for adults, it is a delicious meal served in an elegant setting designed by the artist himself.

After your meal, it's on to the Chapel. The walk to the Chapel is a pleasant stroll past the beautiful gardens and statues. The walk ends abruptly as you are confronted by an ornate wrought iron and stone gate.

As you walk through the gate you are surrounded by an almost palpable sense of something special. The path to the Chapel is a short one, and it leads to a set of elaborately decorated wooden doors.

Once through these doors you are instantly surrounded by beautiful paintings. The foremost of these paintings being a wall size mural titled "Hallelujah Square." "

Hallelujah Square" is a story of the blessing and hope that lies within the hearts of all who





Photo by Shandy McBride

As you walk inside, you can't help but see all the figurines.

have come to know Jesus as the savior. It shows people being ushered through the gates of Heaven, and being welcomed by all those already there. The room is filled with many other paintings. The paintings are Butcher's interpretations of Bible stories such as Adam and Eve, Noah, and Daniel and the Lion's Den. Before exiting, be sure to look up at the ceiling where you will find a breathtaking mural of angels in flight.

As you go through the door on the right side of the room you enter a hallway lined with beautiful stained glass windows. Each stained glass window depicts a verse from Matthew 5:3-11.

Through the door on the left is another door leading to a hallway lined with more beautiful stained glass windows depicting scenes from the 23rd Psalm. Each of these windows represents more than 2,000 individually colored and cut pieces of glass.

Whether you take the right door or left, you will eventually find your way into Philip's room. Philip's Prayer Room is a tribute to the artist's late son Philip who was killed in an automobile accident.

The mural at the back of the room depicts Philip's family mourning their loss, while angels rejoice and welcome him home. The sentiment of the room can best be summed up by the artist's own words.

"Painting the mural in this room was one of the most difficult tasks of all the Chapel's murals. I began this work soon after the Lord chose to call Philip home. It was my way of working through the heartache that one feels for the loss of a loved one.

When I was unable to express my feelings and could not talk to anyone, I came here to paint my emotions while I prayed that in some way the Lord would turn my sorrow into a concern for others who hurt as I did."

After you leave Philip's room, which was by far the most touching of all the rooms, it seems as though the tour is over as you come to the exit. However, this is only the midway point. As you walk out you are presented with an impressive view of a lake (I was lucky enough to catch it as the sun was going down) with a small island in the middle. The island is home to Grandpa's Play House, a quaint playhouse built for Butcher's grandchildren.

Then as I was sure I had seen it all, I ran across what could possibly be the most moving thing I have ever seen. The Resurrection Cave depicts the resurrection scene in a way only

Precious Moments could. The big eyed angel outside the empty cave presents the resurrection story in a somehow much more vivid way than any I have ever seen.

After this I knew I was at the end of my tour, but more importantly, I knew I had truly been blessed. The Precious Moments Chapel is truly a tribute to Sam Butcher's Christian witness, and to his love for his fellow man. It is also a monument to God that everyone should visit at least twice. ☺



Each little figurine has its own personality and tells a story.

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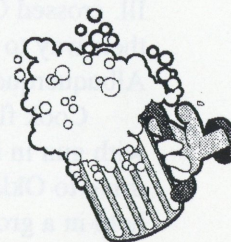
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50 years ago this year...

Murder came to Joplin

by Shannon Pommert

Joplin and surrounding communities have been the birthplace of many famous people. Artist Thomas Hart Benton was born in Neosho. Percy Wenrich, known for such songs as "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," was born in Joplin. Belle Starr, a bank robber and Civil War spy, was born in Carthage.

Baseball player Mickey Mantle was born in Commerce, Okla. And of course Dennis Weaver, star of "Gunsmoke" and "McCloud," was a graduate of Joplin Junior College.

William E. Cook, quite famous for a while, but perhaps forgotten now, kidnapped and murdered an Illinois family of five here in Joplin.

Cook was employed as a dishwasher at a small cafe in Blythe, Calif. at the age of 23. On Christmas Day, 1950, he got drunk and hitchhiked his way to El Paso, Texas, and then to Juarez, Mexico.

There, on December 30, he held up Lee Archer, of Tahoka, Texas, and took his car. Cook then headed north for Joplin, Missouri, his hometown.

He abandoned Archer's car near Oklahoma City. It was there, the Mosser family of Atwood, Ill. crossed Cook's path. The Mossers were on their way to visit Carl Mosser's twin brother in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Cook flagged down the Mosser's car and with gun in hand, forced Carl Mosser, age 35, to drive to Oklahoma City. Mosser cried out for help in a grocery store, saying his family had been kidnapped and were going to be killed. He was forced back to the car. The journey continued.

Cook said he had asked where the Mossers



The well, located at 4th Street Bowl, is where the bodies were thrown.

Photo by Shandy McBride

were headed. He ordered Mosser to drive to Albuquerque. The Mossers tried to escape near Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico.

The three-day ordeal continued through El Paso, Houston, and then on to De Queen, Ark., where they stopped to eat. Leaving De Queen that New Years Day afternoon, the car headed north on U.S. Highway 71 through Fort Smith and on to Joplin.

Supposedly the Mossers had agreed to be tied up and left with their car in Joplin in order to give Cook enough time to get away.

Cook was driving as they entered Joplin about two in the morning, on Jan. 2. He pulled over around 30th and Maiden Lane. Ronald Mosser, age seven, and Mrs. Thelma Mosser, age 29, were already tied and gagged when a police car came into view.

The two officers looked at the Mosser vehicle as they drove by. The police drove to 26th street and turned around to make a second pass. They shined their light on the car, but since they saw children in the car, they drove on.

Cook said in his confession that the red tail light of the police car was still visible when the children and Mrs. Mosser started to scream. This caused a resident to turn on a light in a nearby house.

It was at this point Cook shot and killed the Mosser family.

Carl Mosser was shot once in the left temple. Thelma was shot once in the right side of her chest. Ronald was shot twice in the body and

Think our town is boring?... Think again

by
**Allison
Grosse**

It is a question every Southern student ponders as Friday quickly approaches, "What am I going to do this weekend?" From canoeing to shopping, mini-golf to museums, the Joplin area has a lot to offer.

If one is interested in learning the history of the Joplin area, the museums in Schifferdecker

park are a good place to start. The Dorothea B. Hoover Historical Museum is home to artifacts from Joplin's mining past. There is also an extensive doll collection and a display of circus miniatures and memorabilia.

Also located at Schifferdecker park is the Tri-State Mineral Museum. This museum tells the history of the mining era in Joplin and surrounding communities through mineral samples dating back to the mining days. Admission to both museums is free.

Another way to experience the mining history of the area is to visit



Big Brutus in West Mineral, KS. Once an electric coal shovel, Big Brutus is now a unique museum. Weighing in at eleven million tons and towering over sixteen stories high, it is the second largest electric shovel in the world.

If the outdoors is more your style, the Joplin area has much to offer. Joplin is only 45 minutes away from Grand Lake where senior biology major, Alysia Treece could be found almost every weekend during the summer months. "I like to ski, and my husband and son enjoy fishing, so there is something for each of us to do there," said Treece.

Also nearby Joplin is the George Washington Carver National Monument. This park has a self-guided nature trail where outdoor enthusiasts can experience the birthplace of famous inventor, George Washington Carver. Carver is best known for developing many uses for the peanut and soybean, including peanut butter. The park is open all year. Times of operation vary by season.

Collectors of Precious Moments figurines will be happy to know the the Precious Moments Chapel and Visitor's Center is located in nearby Carthage, Missouri, home of artist Samuel Butcher. The center is open year round and admission is a \$1.00 donation to the Center.

Whatever your tastes, the Joplin area has something for everybody. So instead of wondering what to do this weekend, get out and take advantage of all that Joplin has to offer.

If you would like more information on events, attractions, festivals, and other upcoming events, the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau publishes a calendar of events quarterly. They may be reached by calling (417) 624-4150, or by visiting their office at 222 W. Third inside the Spiva Art Center. ☺

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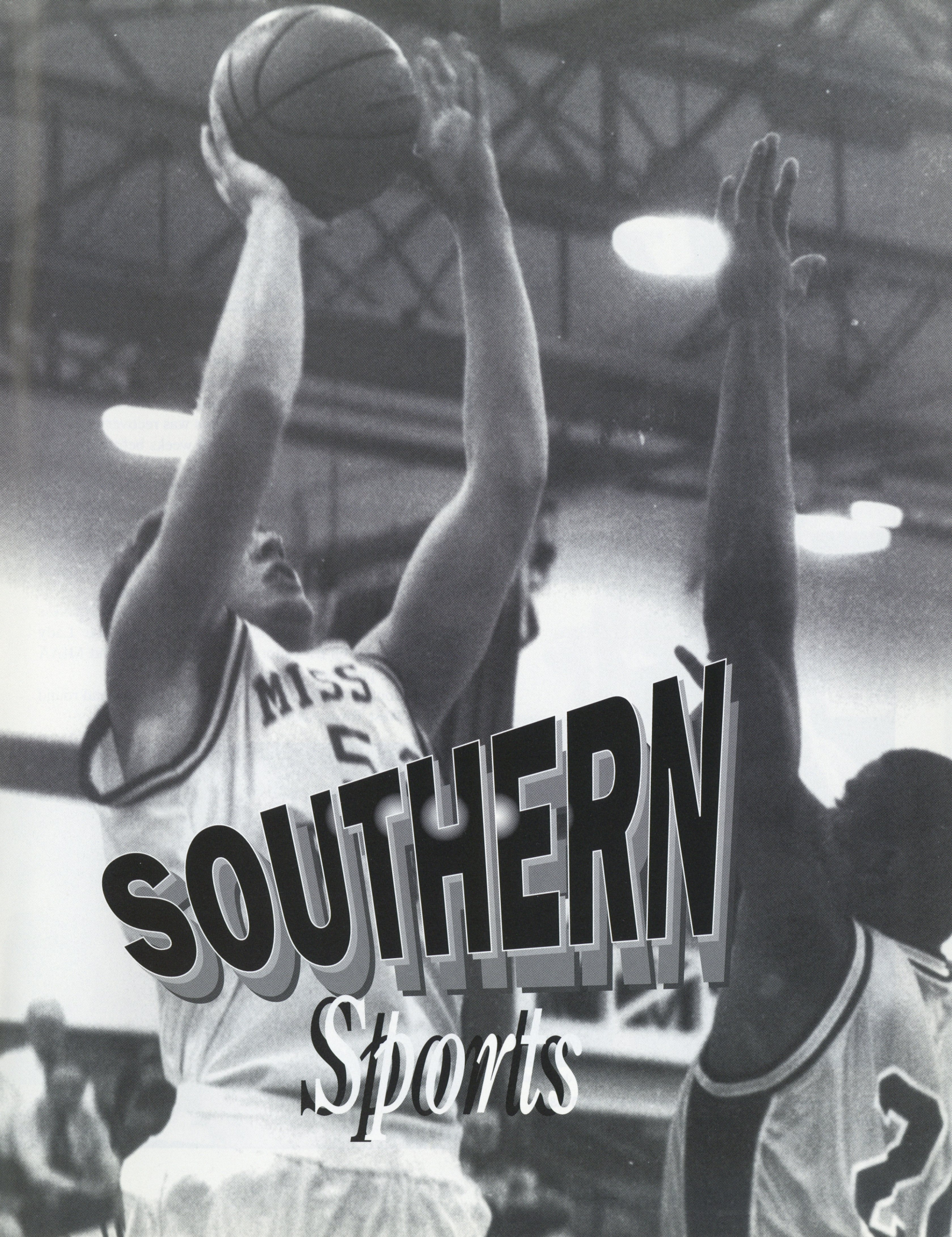
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A person can shop for anything from antiques to clothing in Joplin.

- *3 bowling alleys**
- *2 camp grounds**
- *4 movie theaters with 18 screens**
- *19 city and state parks**
- *2 stock car racing tracks**
- * an in-line hockey rink**
- * a skating rink**
- * horseback riding**
- * bumper boats**
- * 2 canoe rentals**

And much, much more!



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Senior forward April Bailey, a transfer from NEO A&M, finished her basketball career at Southern helping the Lady Lions win the MIAA post-season championship.

MIAA CHAMPS

by Rick Rogers

Before the season began, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions were in a state of disarray. Former head coach Scott Ballard left the team to coach at Central Missouri State University, and new interim head coach Carrie Kaifes was recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident just weeks before the season was to start.

But besides having excellent season marks, (11-5 MIAA 23-5 overall), Missouri Southern entered the MIAA post-season tournament on fire. The Lady Lions squeaked past the University of Missouri-Rolla, and rolled through Missouri Western State College in fine fashion. Putting them face-to-face with conference foe Southwest Baptist University in the title game.

Even though the game was held in SBU's Ruckess gymnasium, Southern battled the crowd and the Lady Bearcats for the 68-61 victory, and won their second MIAA crown in the past three seasons.

But Southern's dream season ended with a second round defeat to West Texas A&M University, 80-68. ☹





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ABOVE: Lady Lions' head coach Carrie Kaifes gives her troops a pep talk during the MIAA post-season tournament semi-final. **BELOW:** The Lady Lions bench celebrates a win against the Lady Griffons. **RIGHT:** Senior guard Melissa Grider gives high-fives after scoring her 1,000 point.

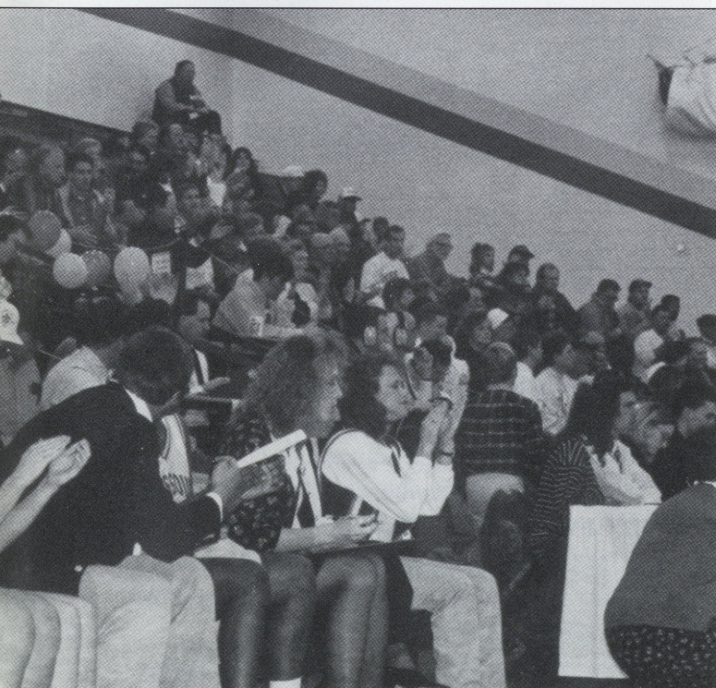
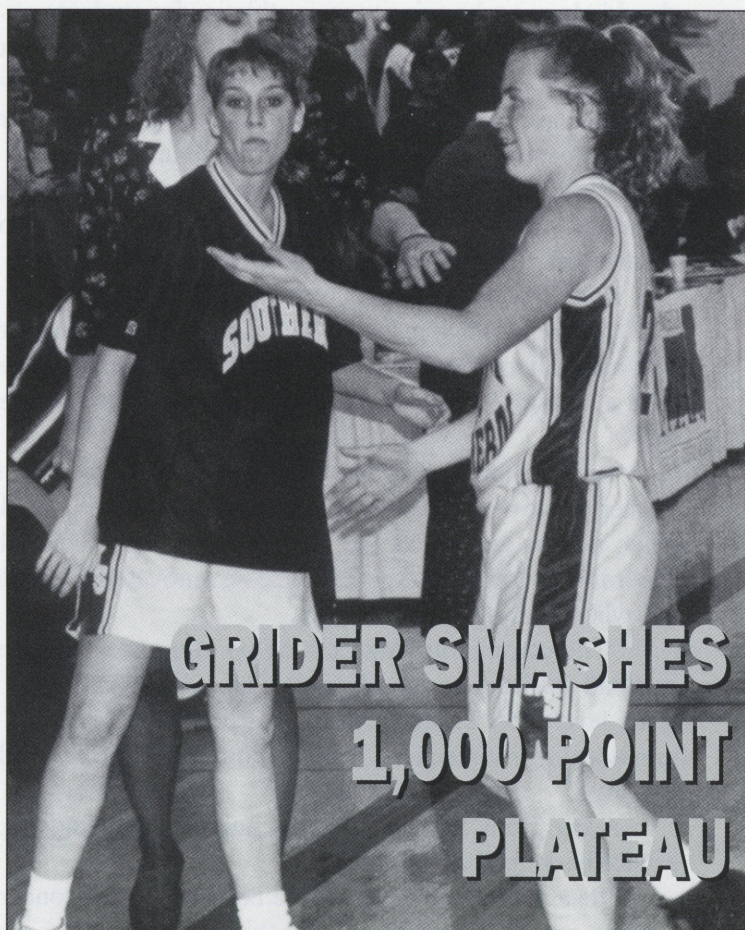


Photo by John Smith



**GRIDER SMASHES
1,000 POINT
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Photo by John Smith

Students keep Turner tr

by Dan Wiszkon

It didn't take Missouri Southern baseball coach Warren Turner long to realize his purpose in life. He was named after the legendary pitcher Warren Spahn.

He has proved he is as effective in the classroom as he is inside the dugout. Turner, also an associate professor of physical education, received College President Julio Leon's nomination for the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching last December. He proudly represented our school at the Conference on Higher Education in St. Louis as part of that award ceremony.

"There's a lot of excellent people and teachers at Missouri Southern," Turner said. "For me to be classified at that level is a tremendous honor. Now I have to uphold that award and continue to do a good job."

The Joplin native graduated from Pittsburg State University in 1965 with a master's degree in physical education and a minor in social science. He thinks academics should always take priority over athletics for students.

Turner has made many friends while at Southern, among them cross country coach Tom Rutledge. The two coaches have neighboring offices in Young Gymnasium. They help each other out whenever possible.

"He'll walk by and pump you up when you're down," Rutledge said of Turner's demeanor. "W.T. is fun to be around and is a good working companion."

Rutledge assists Turner with baseball camp.

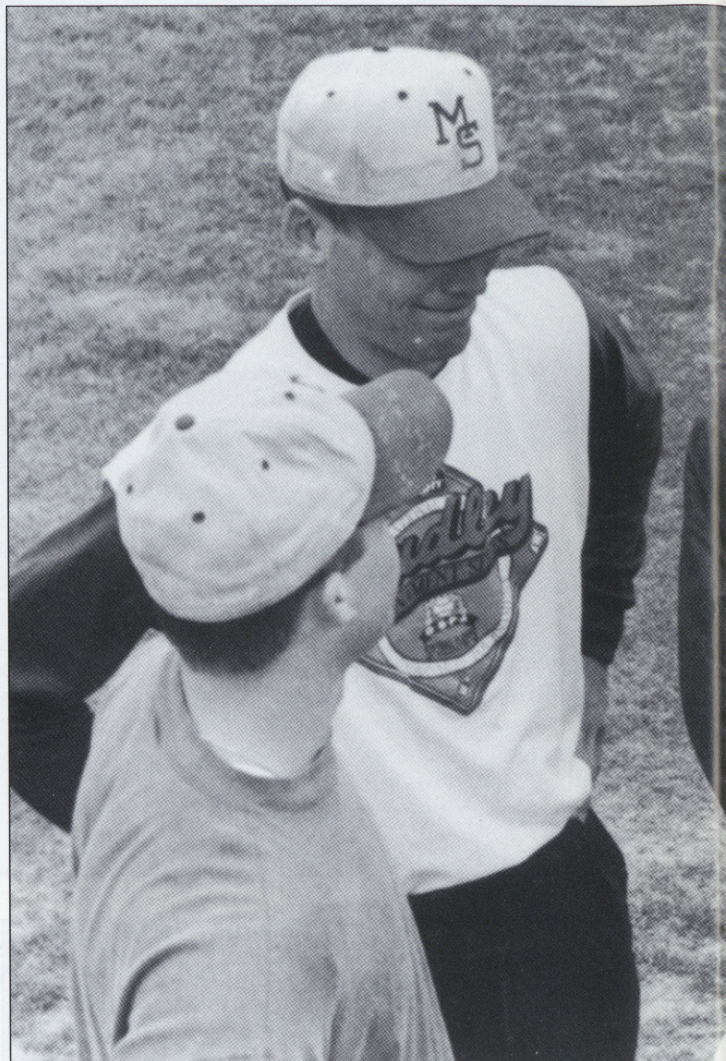
"Warren used to tease me by saying that Joplin used to be a baseball town but now its a track town," Rutledge, said with a laugh. "I could write a book about him if I wanted to."

The baseball diamond at Joe Becker Stadium is Turner's baby. As groundskeeper, he covers the infield when it rains and mows the grass when needed. This job, according to Turner, is special since he renovated the stadium when coming to the college.

"The community built it back up into one of the best baseball facilities in the Midwest," he said. "And to see it at its level after knowing where it came from gives me a great deal of satisfaction. That stadium is one of my pride and joys."

Away from baseball, Turner enjoys refereeing high school basketball as a hobby.

"Its a mental refresher for me because I don't concentrate on my job, problems, or anything else that's happening when I'm on the court," he said.



Missouri Southern Men's Athletic Director Jim Frazier said he found a dedicated person when he hired Warren Turner in August, 1976.

"I'm very fortunate to have been associated with him all of these years," Frazier said. "He has good values and dreams good dreams."

The 52-year-old coach grew up listening to Hall of Fame announcer Harry Carey and the St. Louis Cardinals. His family would take him to the old Sportsman's Park in St. Louis to see his idol Stan Musial on their vacations.

"I've been in sports all of my life," Turner said. "Down deep, I'm a Cardinals fan, but I

uckin' along



Photo by Deborah Solomon

change my allegiance from time to time depending on who I know on other teams."

The bottom line is: Warren Turner loves being with his students and baseball players.

He takes the philosophy that winning and losing aren't as important as what the players learn.

"When you're around young people you don't feel so old," he said. "I think that's an everyday vitamin shot for me." ☺



Photo by Shandy McBride

Turner focuses teams on field, community

By Dan Wiskzon

The baseball team performs many functions in the community under coach Warren Turner. Participating in fundraisers for the Kidney Foundation, the Salvation Army, and the Red Cross are just a few of the many things the baseball Lions do for others off of the diamond.

"Our kids learn a lot about the game of life by doing all of these activities," Turner said. "I like to think when the people in Joplin need a helping hand they can give us a call because we'll be glad to help. So there is life after baseball."

As a result of their popularity, Turner said the fans support the Missouri Southern Lions baseball team have received from the area has been terrific. He said the community projects the team performs in Joplin, the local players, and the Lion's success year after year bring out

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the spectators.

"I think Joplin is a good baseball town," he said. "As far as Division II goes, we probably draw as good as anybody around."

Baseball, according to Turner, is his life. He has lead the Lions against MIAA foes for 19 seasons and has numerous accolades to show for his hard work. His team has played in championship games against stiff Division I competition like Arkansas and Oklahoma State.

Not only does playing against some of the best collegiate squads offer the Lions a great learning experience, but it's an excellent tool for exposure and recruiting.

Turner will work with the senior Olympics team trials in the fall and is currently trying to bring the United States baseball team to Joplin.

Turner believes the baseball players' strike of 1995 hurt the game's image.

Several players have flourished and found their calling with professional teams under Turner's guidance. Some of them are: David Fisher (Philadelphia Phillies), Rick Lapka and Scott Wright (Cincinnati Reds), and Ken Grundt, who is currently pitching in the Boston Red Sox organization.

Turner labels his coaching style as "old school" because of his conservative nature. He takes a fair but firm approach towards his players.

"I'm intense on the practice field," Turner said, "kind of a totalitarian coach as far as discipline. There's not many of those coaches left."

"You have to be enthusiastic about life at whatever you do," he added. "I'm proud of our baseball program that accomplishes a lot of things with a lot of people's help. Their first priority should be to get an education and fortunately we've had a lot of players graduate with degrees."

Coaching may look easy from a spectator's point of view, but Turner will be the first person to tell you that there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work involved. Recruiting players, talking to other coaches, serving the United States team, and working as a groundskeeper at Joe Becker Stadium leaves little time for anything else outside of baseball.

Baseball isn't the only sport Turner loves to be around. He coached basketball for 11 years in the public school system before coming to this College.

Turner believes it is important for the coach to set a good example for his team since most players look to him as a role model.

"The coach's attitude toward the game and treatment of officials reflects upon the players," Turner said. "You have to be dedicated towards dealing, handling, and motivating people." ☺

Lions end season 8-8

After falling to Emporia State 70-56, Southern's hopes of landing the eighth and final playoff spot in the MIAA post-season tournament disappeared.

Southern, 8-8 in the MIAA, 13-13 overall, finished ninth in the conference, missing the post-season tournament for the third straight season.

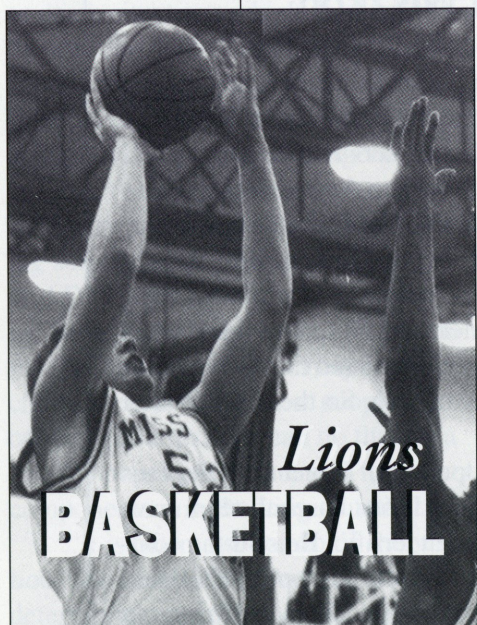
Southern head coach Robert Corn blamed a lack of good shot selection as a reason for his team's demise Saturday, Feb. 24. The Lions shot 31 percent from the field, hitting only 20 of 64 shots.

"If you don't shoot the basketball, it does not look like you are playing very well, and we shot the ball poorly," he said. "We had wide-open looks for a 3, or a wide-open look for a 2, and we just did not convert. If we hit those shots in the first three or four minutes of the game, that changes the whole complexion of the game from then on."

Corn also said a lack of strong rebounding led to the Hornet's sixth-straight home victory over Southern, dating back to the 1986-87 season. Emporia State out-rebounded the Lions 47-38.

Even though the Lions will be losing seniors Kevin Shorter, Iric Farmer, and all-MIAA first team guard Eddie Reece, he thinks his squad could be an MIAA force next season. In addition, center Joe Drum, a junior in eligibility, will not return to the Lion line-up because he plans to graduate this May. Junior forward Torrius Fisher captured honorable mention all-MIAA honors.

"Matt [Olson] and Mario [Phillips] got a lot of time, and Brian [Taylor] has improved his game tremendously over the course of the year," Corn said. "I think those three are a great nucleus, and I think we have some good juniors as well, and I think we have a bright future in front of us." ☺



Cousins start dynasty on court

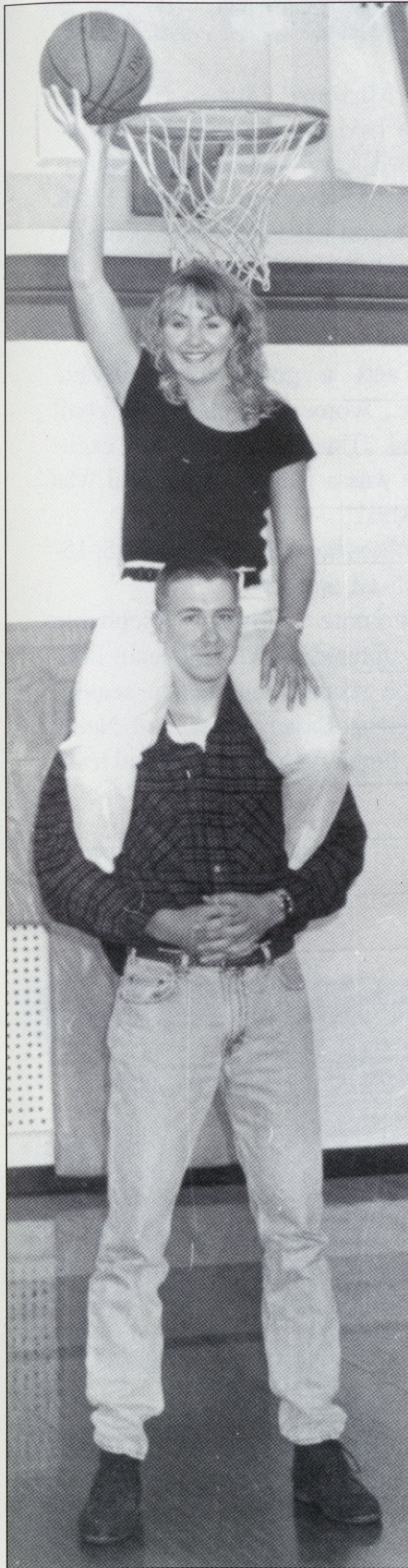


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Cousins Matt and Mandy Olson have become closer through the years since discovering their relationship in 7th grade in Neosho. Both play basketball for Southern.

It's not really a dynasty, but it's the closest thing Missouri Southern has to it in the athletic department.

Freshmen basketball standouts Matt and Mandy Olson share much more than a love for hoops, they also have the same great-grandfather. Their relationship has evolved over the years to more than distant cousins. Today they seem even more than friends, like confidants or comrades perhaps. They have been close friends ever since the two strangers realized they had some of the same blood flowing through their veins. They met when Matt's family moved to Neosho from Nebraska. Mandy found out the new kid in her 7th grade class shared her last name. Matt made the same revelation and after a few talks with their respective parents, the duo shared the news with each other.

The last name recognition leads to many strange pairings for the two who said they've heard every coupling imaginable.

"People think we're brother and sister a lot," Mandy said.

"I had a lot of respect for her," Matt said. "She was big on campus."

Now it's Matt who's big on campus. The starting center for the Lions this year stands at 6-foot-9 and now towers over Mandy who is a 5-8 guard/forward for the Lady Lions. The relationship between the two grew gradually.

"He was kind of a nerd," Mandy said of Matt in junior high. Since then Mandy said Matt has taken on a guardian role.

"He's very protective of me," Mandy said.

Both said that Matt monitors Mandy's dates and she says he hardly ever approves.

"I don't know if I'll ever approve," Matt said. "I don't know there's ever going to be one I approve of."

When the two first moved to Southern, the college seemed to want to keep them as close as possible. Mandy lived a floor above Matt for awhile.

"He complained about us moving furniture," Mandy said.

Mandy moved out of the apartment when the

second semester rolled around. Both agreed that it was much nicer having each other so close.

Their families have become close since the two began their basketball careers. Now the Olsons are a big contingency at Lion basketball games.

"Our mothers are pretty good friends," Matt said.

They also both agree that their Neosho friendships have suffered while at Southern. They claim their busy winter basketball schedule hampered their social lives and hoped their friends would take that into consideration.

Mandy's season was a bit longer than Matt's as she was part of MIAA championship squad. Matt and the rest of the team didn't even make to the tournament.

"We didn't do as well as we hoped, but we can't go anywhere but up," Matt said. "Next year we're going to surprise a lot of people."

Both are now hitting the books in the offseason. Mandy is studying for a degree in Criminal Justice, while Matt is undecided, but taking honors courses. ☺

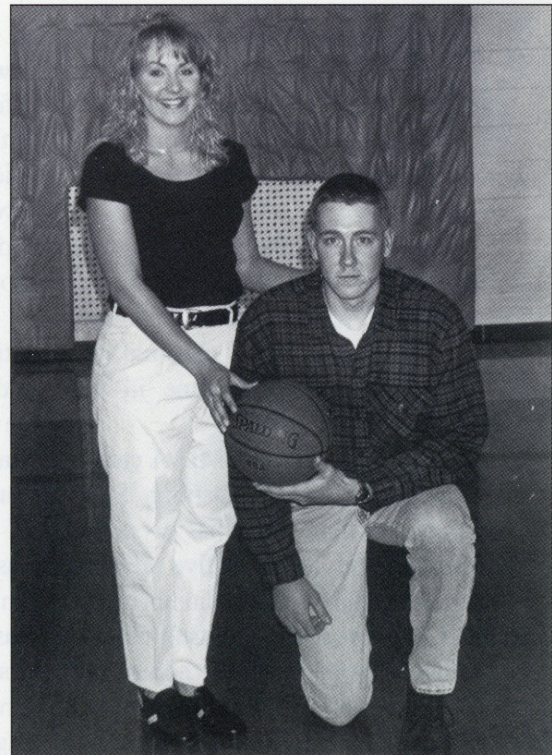
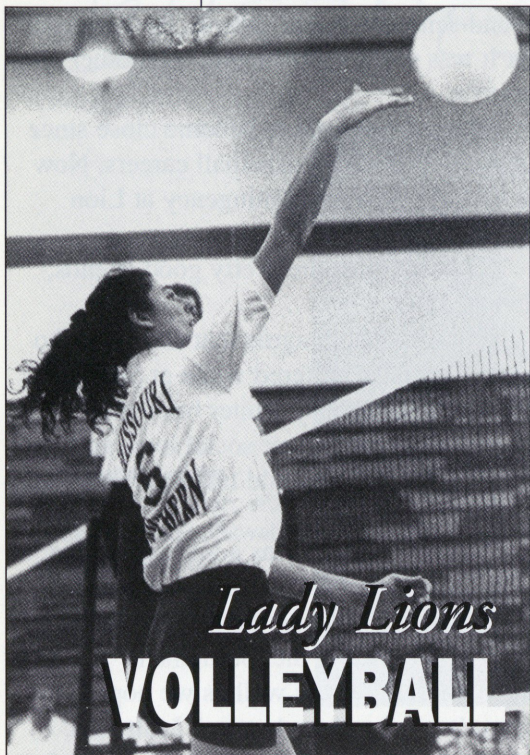


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Lady Lions end season 27-7



Even with their best season in recent history, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions volleyball squad found themselves resting on their laurels instead of battling in the regional playoffs. Southern, who finished fourth in the MIAA conference standings, ended its season with a 27-7 mark.

Washburn University ended the Lady Lions dreams of advancing to the regional postseason in the last game of the season by defeating Southern 3-1.

"Washburn played really well," senior hitter Lyn Dee Harrelson said. "They came out really fired up. They dug a lot of balls, and they beat us."

But even though Southern did not make the regional playoffs, the team still accomplished one feat its had never done in its previous history...they beat the

Central Missouri State University Jennies, a Division II volleyball powerhouse, at Missouri Western State College.

With the 3-2 victory, the Lady Lions handed Central Missouri, who ended the season 16-2 overall, and 34-6 in the MIAA, only its third conference loss since 1982.

"It was a good win," Debbie Traywick, women's head volleyball coach, said. "The players were very excited. There was a feeling that a goal was accomplished."

Southern beat the Jennies 11-15, 15-6, 7-15, 15-12, and 15-9.

Sophomore hitter Stephanie Gockley captured MIAA first-team honors for the second consecutive season. Juniors Jennie Easter, setter, and Neely Burkhurt, hitter, won MIAA second team marks. ☺

Lions look to bright future

With the combined offensive efforts of a senior leader and a surging freshman talent, the Missouri Southern football Lions ended the 1995 campaign with controversy.

Southern (5-5 in the MIAA, 6-4 overall) finished fifth in the MIAA conference for the second consecutive season. In 1993, the Lions captured the MIAA title for the first time in the school's history.

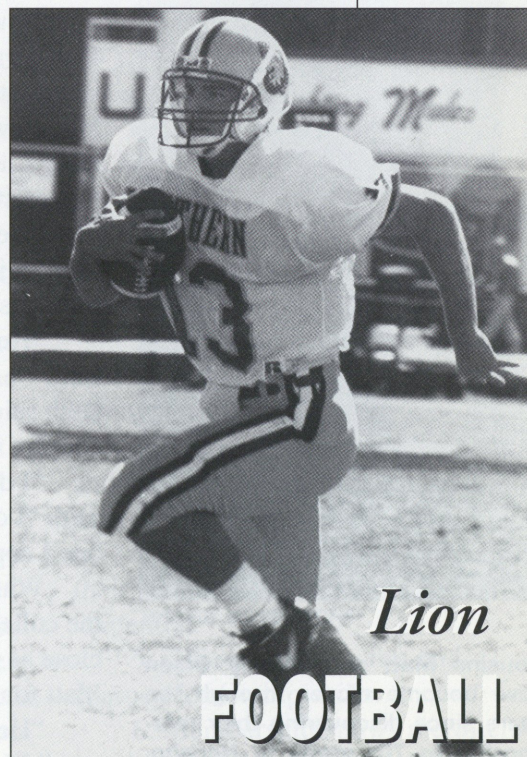
But this season, the MIAA crown was awarded to the Pittsburg State University Gorillas, who has won the MIAA crown four out of its five seasons.

Even though Southern did not corral the MIAA crown, it did find itself victorious in the school prestigious homecoming affair against Northeast Missouri State University.

Behind the boot of Lions' senior place kicker Eric Jackson, Southern defeated the Bulldogs 24-22 during the last home game of the season. Jackson, who finished the season hitting two-of-seven field goals, split the uprights with under five minutes to play, putting the Lions ahead for good.

"I really didn't think much about it until the moment came about," Jackson said of his game-winning kick. "It sits in the back of my mind. Those games you don't really wish for. It comes back to haunt you if you do."

Senior tailback Albert Bland, who was a Division II second-team all-american selection last season, ended his final season rushing for 1,018 yards. In the previous season, Bland rushed for 1,498 yards, just 37 shy of the Lions all-time single season rushing record. ☺



Cooper, Wilks lead harriers

After placing seventh at the regional meet in Romeoville, Ill., the Missouri Southern Lady Lion cross country squad wound up its most successful season.

The Lady Lions placed fourth in the MIAA conference meet, giving them the opportunity to run in the regional meet.

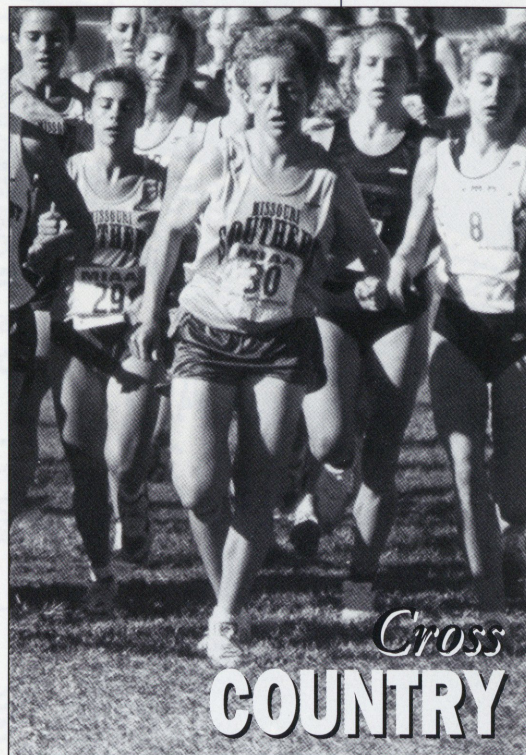
Southern was led by senior Rhonda Cooper, who placed sixth in the MIAA conference event and sixth in the regional meet, just five ticks of the clock away from qualifying for the national showcase. Cooper was the top MIAA harrier to place in regionals.

For the men, Missouri Southern cross country Lions' sophomore runner Jon Wilks placed eighth and was the only Southern runner to qualify for the regional championships.

As a team, Southern finished in the sixth slot with 145 total tallies. Central Missouri State University ended the MIAA conference event with 20 points. Northeast Missouri State University (41) finished second and Pittsburg State University (105), finished third.

Besides the eighth place showing by Wilks, other Lions finishers include: freshman Derek Russell (33rd), junior Josh Rogers (35th), freshman Pete Maniaci (36th), sophomore Mark Williams (41st), and freshman Jim Lowary (51st).

Southern runners Mark Williams, a biology major from Harrison, Ark., 3.76 grade-point average.; Cooper, a senior physical education major, 3.41 GPA, and Kathy Williams, a biology major, with a 3.29 GPA, made the MIAA All-Academic cross country squads. ☺



Cook spices up Lion squad

Before starting the 1995 soccer season, the Missouri Southern Lions began a new era with a unfamiliar face steering their wheel.

Jim Cook, former Joplin High School Eagles head coach, took over the Lion ship after former head coach George Greenlee quit, citing personal conflicts.

Cook, who had never coached a collegiate game before taking the coaching whistle at Southern, piloted the Lions to a 3-2 MIAA conference mark, and a 11-6-1 overall record. Southern ended up third place overall in the MIAA, behind conference powers Northeast Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Northeast Missouri finished atop the MIAA with a 5-0 record after thrashing Southern with a 4-1 victory Oct. 29.

Even though the Lions' record was

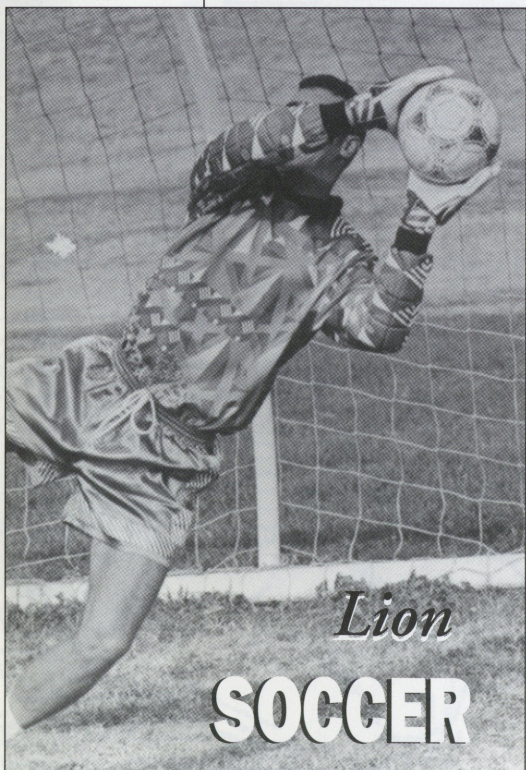
well-over the .500 mark, Southern's third place showing left Cook looking for better things in the future.

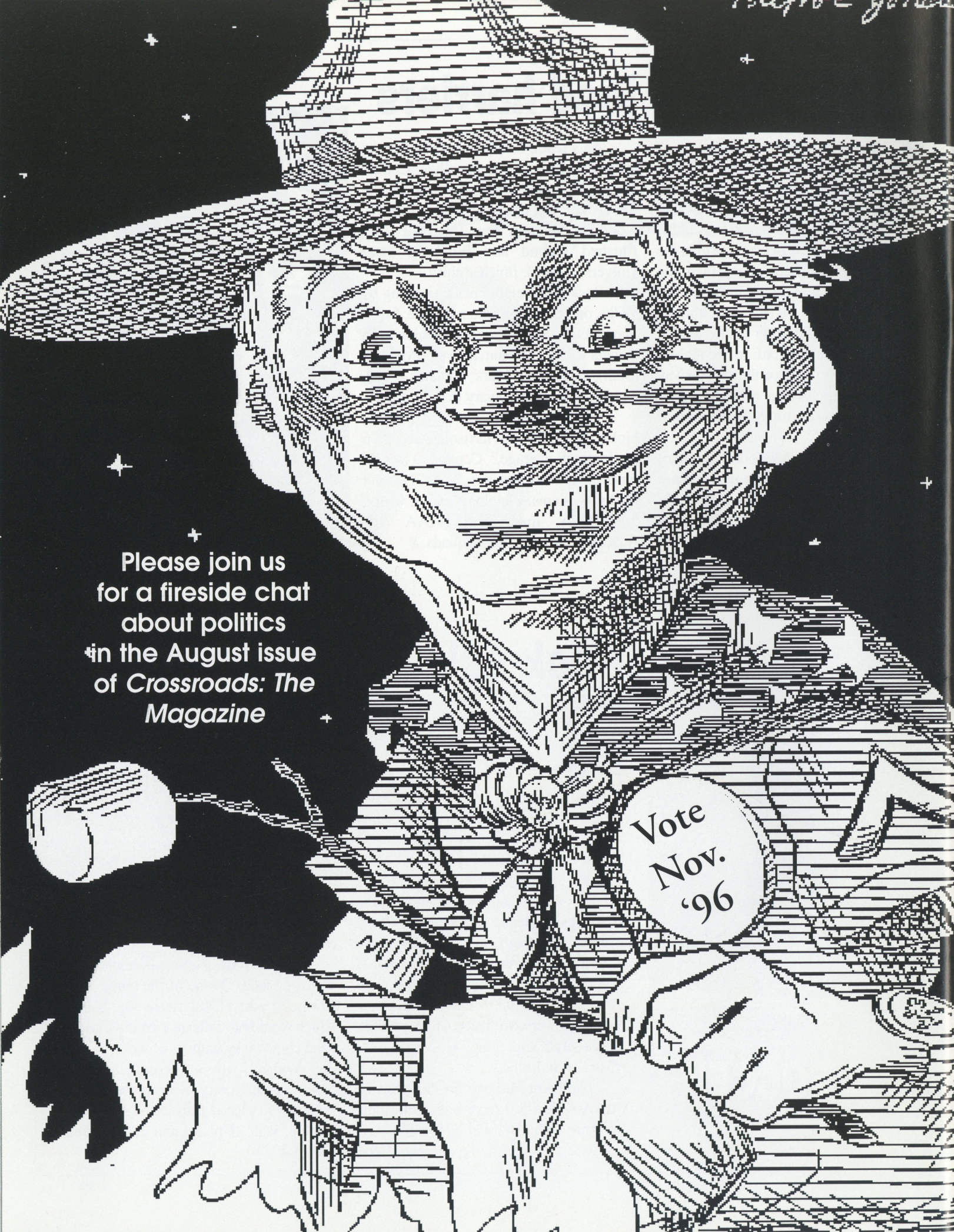
"We have most of our players coming back next year," Cook said. "Hopefully, we are going to get better in the future."

Junior goalkeeper Darrell Withem, who finished his second season as a Lion with a 2.35 goals-against mark, said he saw great improvement from its 11-7-1 record a year ago.

"Some of the games we should have won," he said. "Some of the games like Northeast and UMSL were big games which would have meant a lot if we could have come away with a victory."

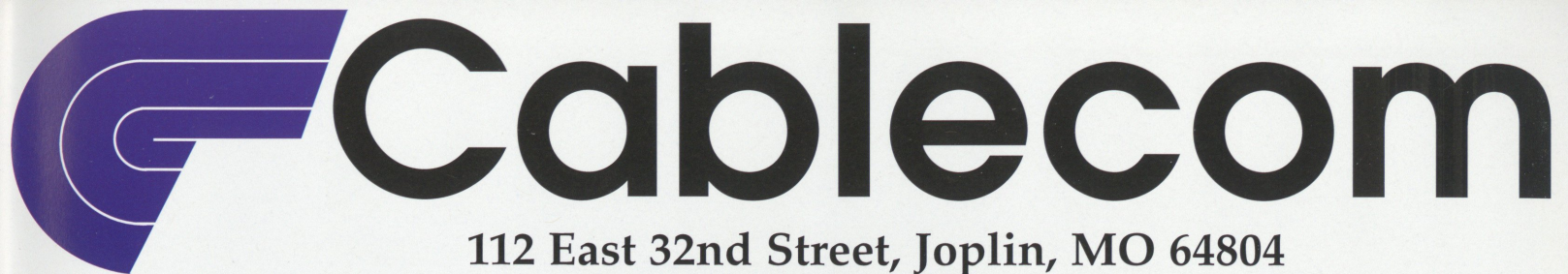
Withem was a second-team all-MIAA pick, along with junior Todd Eaton, who placed fifth in the MIAA in scoring, with 21 points and goals scored with 9. ☺





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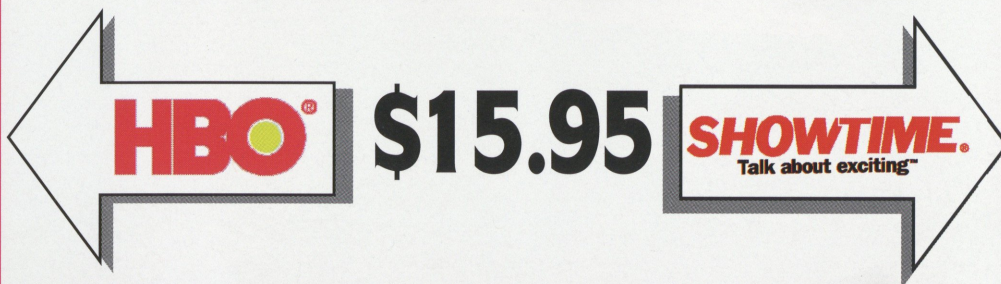


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